

**CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 3/4, 2007**

Index to Minutes

Secretary's note: This index is provided only as a courtesy to the readers and is not an official part of the CFA minutes. The numbers shown for each item in the index are keyed to similar numbers shown in the body of the minutes.

Animal Welfare.....	(13)
Annual Meeting 2007	(25)
Board Meeting Committee.....	(26)
Breeds & Standards	(6)
Business Development.....	(3)
CFA Central Office Building Fact Finding Committee.....	(26)
CFA-Iams-Cat-Championship	(10)
CFA Foundation.....	(20)
Central Office Operations	(9)
Clerking Program.....	(16)
Club Applications	(7)
Corrections to the Minutes.....	(1)
Disciplinary Hearings and Suspensions.....	(27)
Ethics Committee.....	(22)
Feline Agility Committee	(23)
International Division Report	(8)
International Cat Show	(11)
Judging Program	(4)
Junior Showmanship Program	(22)
Legislative Committee.....	(12)
Management Committee.....	(17)
Marketing Statistics	(22)
Mentor Program.....	(24)
National Scheduling.....	(21)
New Initiatives.....	(26)
Protest Committee Report.....	(5)
Publications.....	(15)
Show Scheduling	(21)
Technology/Web Site	(18)
Treasurer/Budget Committee Report.....	(2)
Winn Feline Foundation	(14)

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at the Houston Airport Marriott at George Bush Intercontinental, Houston, Texas. President **Pam DelaBar** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (President)
Ms. Kitty Angell (Vice-President)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Debbie Kusy (NAR Director)
Mr. Dick Kallmeyer (NWR Director)
Mr. James Watson (GSR Director)
Mrs. Loretta Baugh (GLR Director)
Ms. Regina Shaffer (SWR Director)
Mrs. Kay Janosik (MWR Director)
Ms. Peg Johnson (SOR Director)
Mrs. Yayoi Satoh (Japan Regional Director)
Mr. Stan Barnaby (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Jo Ann Cummings (Director-at-Large)
George Eigenhauser, Esq. (Director-at-Large)
Ms. Joan Miller (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Elizabeth Watson (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Annette Wilson (Director-at-Large)

Also present were Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director; Mrs. Carol Krzanowski, Associate Director; Ms. Roemann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Fred Jacobberger, Esq., CFA Legal Counsel, and Ms. Sanai Inami, Japanese Translator.

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

(1) **CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES.**

No corrections to the October, 2006 minutes having been submitted, **Angell** moved to accept the minutes as published. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(2) **TREASURER/BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Anger moved to table the Treasurer's Report until Sunday morning. DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Treasurer Kathy Calhoun gave the following report on Sunday:

This report is based on financial reports for the period beginning May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Total Assets (primarily cash). Key cash reserves have declined due to the losses last year as reported at the June board meeting.

Ordinary Income-Registrations and related services. Revenue from registration, which is the single largest contributor to CFA's financial health and our core business, was down 10.2% compared to last year. Total revenue generated from litter registration was down 9.5% when compared to the same period of time last year. Total revenue from individual registration was down 10.6%. Compared to the budget, litter registration was approximately 8.6% ahead of plan and individual registration met plan.

Other categories which have experienced significant changes when compared to the same period last year (May through December of last year) include the following:

- Cattery registration continues to decline and was currently 11.5% below last year
- Breed council dues continue to increase. Compared to last year the category was up 33.6%.

In total, revenue from Ordinary Income was down 6.0% when comparing the first eight months of the prior fiscal year. The decrease was forecasted in the 2006/2007 budget.

Almanac and Yearbook

The Almanac's performance was below that of last year from a net revenue perspective. Subscriptions and breeder ads were down 15% and 20% respectively, while commercial ads increased about 10%.

The Yearbook, was down approximately 30% from both a revenue and expense perspective. The net effect, the Yearbook was performing slightly better than last year at this time but is still coming in at a loss from an income versus expense perspective.

Merchandise. The combination of Books/Videos and Ornaments contributed \$7,700 after cost of goods sold. The majority of the sales revenue was generated by books and videos.

Central Office. Overall, Central Office expense was at parity to last year. This was largely driven by a reduction in staff. This reduction has offset the increased expenses highlighted below:

- Building maintenance was \$5,200 more than prior year largely driven by thermostat replacement and general maintenance.

- *Building insurance was up 27%*
- *Machine maintenance was up 70%*
- *Property taxes paid were \$5,000 more than prior year which represents a 32% increase*

Computer Expenses. *Year to date expenses were at parity with last year.*

CFA Programs. *This category was up 7% or \$8,500 more than last year. This was largely due to club/show insurance.*

Calhoun: Insurance went up across the board. **Tartaglia:** CFA pays more for show insurance than what we charge the clubs. I'll put those figures together.

Corporate Expense. *This category exceeded last year primarily due to liability insurance.*

Legislative. *The legislative spending was on budget and at parity with last year.*

The financial environment for CFA is challenging. The majority of our revenue-producing activities are not performing well; therefore it is essential that this Board take steps to address and remedy this situation. CFA is currently facing a \$118,000 loss before considering losses from Madison Square Garden and the International Show. In addition, there are structural issues at Central Office, a leaking roof, that may lead to equipment damage. The cost to replace the roof is \$60,000.

To address these financial challenges a number of cost savings initiatives are presented below that should be considered for immediate implementation.

Tartaglia spoke to the severity of the leaks, which is becoming a big problem. She will investigate if CFA has a warranty on the roof. **Wilson:** This may start ruining the interior. **Johnson:** It could become a serious safety/fire issue. **Janosik:** It could also devalue the property. **Calhoun:** I'm calling out this significant bill coming up in next year's budget.

Cost Savings Initiatives.

Calhoun presented the following cost-saving measures for consideration. **Newkirk:** How much have cash reserves declined? **Calhoun:** 50%.

1. *General overtime granted to non-salaried employees. In the 2006 calendar year, CFA paid approximately \$44,000 in overtime, which equals approximately 1,561 hours. Although much of this was warranted in the past, current declining registration and publications would support the possibility of eliminating paid overtime in its entirety.*
Annual Savings: \$44,000

Action Item: *Eliminate paid overtime for non-salaried employees beginning February 5, 2007.*

Calhoun: I have a disconnect when I see income going down, yet I see overtime to do the work. **Tartaglia:** Overtime has been paid for a number of years. It's lower this year than it has been in past years, which could indicate that we have been understaffed for many years. Much of the overtime is in registrations. **Cummings:** A part-time employee could be hired for

what we pay in overtime. **Eigenhauser:** Part of the reason for overtime is, we give them so many things to do. One of the things that consumes a certain amount of staff time and energy is our two big shows. This costs us a lot of indirect money that isn't listed in the show budget; lost productivity in other areas where the staff could be reallocated. If we eliminate the cause, it's easier to eliminate the effect. **Cummings:** We are a registering association. We're not a show-producing association. **Wilson:** Is there any thought to providing employees with comp time in less-busy times, in lieu of their hourly wage? **Tartaglia:** Particularly in registration, it's not a seasonal thing. **L. Watson:** Most of the work was in registration and this is where the overtime is, and yet our registrations are down. **Tartaglia:** Work has increased on the customer service end, due to inaccuracies and incompleteness of applications received in the office. It's not uncommon for us to receive litter applications in the office that don't have registration numbers, which we are expected to look up. On-line services have created further customer service calls. We have less registration work but the work has become more detailed and more elaborate. **Newkirk:** If eliminating overtime is going to create problems with customer satisfaction, then it would not be correct to eliminate it. **Johnson:** We need to monitor overtime to make sure it is being worked only when needed. We're losing money because people don't want to be accountable for their own registrations. We need to somehow change the culture. **Cummings:** We have to be logical when cutting out some of these things. We put Allene in charge of the Central Office and we should give her the authority to do her job. If she feels like she has to pay overtime in order to get the job done and not cut our services short, then we should give her that option. **Newkirk:** Do you have the full compliment of employees at Central Office, to say that you are fully staffed? **Tartaglia:** We are understaffed to a degree, since we have experienced this overtime for years. A part-time person in the registration area would cut overtime, which is time and a half. Some of the higher-paid employees are expensive overtime. A lot of overtime comes from salaried employees who are not compensated, so we are definitely understaffed. **J. Watson:** We should phase in the elimination of overtime. 5% overtime is not an unreasonable number for any company. **Tartaglia:** It comes out to an average of about an hour a day, over the course of a year, for those who work overtime. **Johnson:** Do we need to train them to work faster, smarter, better? Could we reduce overtime in 2007 by a percentage, which would give Allene the ability to go back and work with our employees to reduce it? Establish a goal to realize, a chance to work out a plan. **Eigenhauser:** Can we make the marker for the goal the next board meeting so we have some kind of feed-back? **L. Watson:** We're in dire straits. We need to work on this. The goal is, by the end of the year we want to have procedures in place so that we do not have overtime. **Barnaby:** If we don't do something here and now, these employees that we're so worried about paying overtime to may be out of a job. **Calhoun:** We haven't talked about salary reduction. We don't want to get to that point. **Johnson** moved to reduce overtime expenses by 50% in calendar year 2007. **Calhoun** amended the motion to eliminate paid overtime for non-salaried employees by December 31, 2007, with progress reviews to the board at the June and October board meetings. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Johnson voting no.

2. Overtime granted to salaried employees. CFA currently has a salaried employee being paid overtime. Although this has been a past practice and the employee is valued, the Board needs to determine if this is fair, equitable and prudent. Salaried employees are traditionally not eligible for paid overtime. If this employee's salary is not consistent with the market an adjustment could be considered in the 2007/2008 budget.

Annual Savings: \$5,000

Action Item: Eliminate paid overtime for salaried employees beginning February 5, 2007

Baugh: There comes a time when we need to take drastic action. There comes a time when employees need to realize that the future of their jobs depends on them being willing to make some sacrifices. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. Central Office travel to Board Meetings. In an effort to reduce travel expense, one employee, the Executive Director should attend the October and February Board Meetings. Up to three employees could attend the June Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting.

Annual Savings \$2,000

Action Item: Board meetings be attended by Central Office as follows: October and February – one employee; June and Annual meeting – up to three employees.

Newkirk: Anyone is welcome to come to our meeting on their own nickel. **Angell:** This is going to be so difficult with my committee if the Director of Marketing is not at our meetings. **Wilson:** This is what conference calls and speaker phones are for. **Johnson:** We could have conference calls with people who need to be in a part of a meeting. **Wilson:** With the meeting room, we can arrange a phone hook-up. It is certainly more reasonable than traveling to a meeting. **DelaBar:** This board knows that we are going to have to pick up the slack that we have always turned to the Central Office to do, and agrees to do it because we know that we have to. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Angell voting no.

4. Shared Medical & Dental. Currently CFA employees do not participate in the cost of their medical and dental benefits. In today's financial environment sharing the cost of benefits with employees is customary.

Annual Savings \$24,000

Action Item: Implement shared cost medical and dental, advising employees no later than June 1, 2007 to be implemented in July 2007

Tartaglia: The cost will be approximately \$75 a month for the employees, about 25% which is customary in the industry. We do not pay for a family plan. **Newkirk:** Health insurance has gone up drastically so we all end up paying eventually. \$75 is very reasonable. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. Annual Meeting/Board Meeting Reduction. Schedule June Board Meeting on Thursday instead of Wednesday. Meeting with the Breed Secretaries and International Division could be scheduled either Wednesday/Thursday evening or on Saturday afternoon.

Annual Savings \$3,600

Action Item: *June Board meeting moved to the Thursday preceding the Annual meeting beginning June 2007.*

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

6. *Eliminate part-time employees.*

Annual Savings \$ 5000

Action Item: *Eliminate any part-time/casual employees at Central Office.*

Withdrawn.

7. *October Board Meeting.*

Annual Savings \$ 15,000

Action Item: *Research alternative method of conducting the October meeting to be presented in June for implementation in October 2007.*

Tabled.

8. *Elimination of the Print Almanac.* *With the onset of the On-line Almanac, the print edition continues to lose traction and readership. Although the elimination of the print version will not reduce the deficit, it will allow additional focus and optimization of the on-line version.*

Annual Savings. \$10,000

Action Item: *Eliminate the print Almanac converting existing subscriptions to On-line version with an implementation date of January 1, 2008.*

Tabled.

9. *Eliminate Officer Stipends.*

Annual Savings \$14,500

Action Item: *Eliminate stipends for CFA Officers.*

Newkirk: I would like to add a #9; that is a reduction or elimination of the officers' stipends, effective May 1st. We're asking everyone else to take cuts in pay. None of us sit on this board expecting to get a stipend. We serve because we care about the cats, about the cat fancy and about where CFA is going. **Baugh:** We lead by example and when we're asking the Central Office to do this, we need to do it as well. **DelaBar:** Our expenses come out of this stipend. **Calhoun:** We end up taking vacation and time off without pay. You can't do that without some sort of compensation. **Barnaby:** The officers of this association are available 24/7. We have found many ways to cut corners but I'm wondering if this is over the edge. **Miller:** Especially now, the burden on the officers is tremendous; not only the work, but the responsibility as well. A small reduction would be agreeable, as an indication that they are doing their part. **Johnson:**

There is no question that everyone on the board works very hard and spends a lot of hours on the role they take on the board. That's not what is at issue here, but I do think that we need to make a statement in this area. **Calhoun:** We should match the same things we are asking the staff to do. **Eigenhauser:** A symbolic amount. **Newkirk** amends his motion to cut stipends by 50% until December 31, 2007, at which time they will be eliminated (expenses to be reimbursed). **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Newkirk, Janosik, Cummings, Wilson, J. Watson, Kallmeyer voting yes. DelaBar, Angell, Calhoun and Anger abstained.

Shaffer moved to reduce CFA Officers' stipends immediately by 20% consistent with all committee budgets, and re-evaluate stipends next year to determine where we stand financially. **Miller:** This ties into the committee reductions and gives an indication that there will be some sacrifice for the organization. This is very reasonable. **DelaBar:** CFA does not pay our day-to-day expenses of operating, such as telephones, office supplies, etc. We pay it out of the stipends. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Barnaby, Wilson, Baugh, Newkirk, J. Watson voting no. DelaBar, Angell, Calhoun and Anger abstained.

Other Initiatives

***On-line individual registration:** That project will cost \$20,000 to implement and cannot be funded at this time. It is advised that the Board align to postpone that initiative until further notice or funding becomes identified.*

***Productivity.** Central Office Holidays – Currently the Central Office employees are scheduled the following paid holidays for 2007:*

*January 1 (Monday) - New Year's Day
February 19 (Monday) - Presidents' Day
April 6 (Friday) - Good Friday
May 28 (Monday) - Memorial Day
July 4 (Wednesday) - Independence Day
September 3 (Monday) - Labor Day
October 8 (Monday) - Columbus Day
November 22-23 (Thursday & Friday) - Thanksgiving
December 24-25 (Monday & Tuesday) - Christmas*

In an effort to eliminate the need for overtime and increase productivity it is recommended that the following:

***Action Item:** The below listed paid holidays be eliminated from the 2007 schedule and one floating paid holiday to added to be used at the employees discretion with supervisor approval relative to scheduling.*

Eliminate:

February 19 (Monday) – Presidents’ Day

April 6 (Friday) - Good Friday

October 8 (Monday) - Columbus Day

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Tartaglia expressed concerns about morale, due to staff contribution to medical and dental, cutting out overtime and cutting down on holidays. **Eigenhauser:** The motion gives Central Office latitude in terms of cutting down when the timing is right. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

CFA Financial Close. *In order to provide timely, accurate financial reporting CFA to conduct month-end financial close on or before the 5th business day of the following month.*

Action Item: *CFA to conduct month-end financial close on or before the 5th business day of the following month.*

Calhoun: In this day and age, we can pull financial information from the internet. A formal close of the month-end financials on or before the 5th business day of the month would allow me to initially review our financials, then they would be generated to the board far more timely than where we are now. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

CFA Shows - Madison Square Garden and the International Shows

CFA is in a precarious situation and although the above cost savings initiatives are impactful they do not offset the losses of the two CFA sponsored shows. MSG, although performing better, is still showing a loss. CFA currently does not have the cash reserves to absorb a show that loses or has the potential to lose revenue.

The International cannot afford to return to San Mateo, given the results of the 2006 show.

Again, at this time CFA needs to take a conservative stance. It is recommended that CFA postpone corporate-sponsored show production until 2008. It is also recommended that, moving forward, corporate-sponsored shows be scheduled on alternating years. This addresses resource limitations and would allow CFA to spread the risk.

Calhoun: I don't have an action item, but my point is that we need to take a conservative stance. One option may be to have a hiatus in 2007 or have shows in alternating years, so one year would be a New York show and the next year would be the International. We are in a situation where it's very difficult to absorb the risk that's associated with these big shows.

2007-2008 Budget Process

The Budget Committee will meet in May of 2007. All committee chairs must have their budget request in no later than April 15, 2007. Each committee chair is advised to take their 2006-2007 actuals and reduce their request by a minimum of 20%.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Calhoun, CFA Treasurer

(3) **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

Business Development Team Chair Kitty Angell presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: *Kitty Angell*
Committee Members: *Roeann Fulkerson (Director of Corporate Marketing and Public Relations), Donna Jean Thompson, James Watson, Yayoi Satoh, Bob Johnston*

Angell thanked Mr. Liu and Mr. Smith for their presentations, and for providing some incredible ideas. The report was then turned over to CFA's Director of Corporate Marketing and Public Relations.

Ongoing Committee Activities:

➤ *4-Sight Current Manufacturing/License Contracts*

- *Jakks Pacific Inc. "JPI" ~ we previously reported at the October Board meeting sales figures for the CFA toys at approximately \$500,000 for the period August '06 through October '06. JPI has increased the overall projections. Sales of the CFA toys exceeded \$800,000.00 from the launch in late August '06 to December '06 and the sales numbers are still being calculated, with the anticipated final number coming in even slightly higher.*

For 2007 JPI is projecting over a million dollars in sales and both JPI and 4-Sight expect this number to grow as well as JPI secures more retail placement over the year.

4-Sight is projecting sales for 2007 for "ALL" CFA licensing contracts at 2.3 million dollars.

Outlined below is the update for retail outlets as of January 2007.

- *PetCo ~ Sell-in and sell through is phenomenal! 33K pieces sold during the holidays within about a 2-3 week timeframe in 700 stores. Turn was 2 per week when average turn for PetCo cat toys is .5 per week. 4-Sight is continuing to meet with JPI to extend the CFA program and is currently discussing the holiday items for 2007.*
- *PetSmart ~ Sell-in and sell through is phenomenal! Have done a \$175K in business since September.*
- *Zellers ~ \$55K in business in 2006. Zellers is going to continue with CFA inline and is extremely pleased with the sales.*
- *Wal-Mart ~ tested a power panel and now Wal-Mart has placed CFA inline. The CFA toys are doing really well and Wal-Mart has expressed interest they will be "supporting the toys in a big way for 2007."*

- Wal-Mart Canada ~ Power Panel shipping in May. In and out program, however projections show this should be a big buy at about \$75K. If it does well, Wal-Mart Canada should be placing it inline.
- K-Mart ~ Wing Panel test launch in September 2006. K-Mart is not supporting. 4-Sight is working on trying to break this barrier.
- Target ~ End-cap sets February 11 – Displayed for 6 weeks. Not inline yet, but 4-Sight is hopeful the end-cap sells well, Target will agree putting inline.

Fulkerson: Target and Wal-Mart have now confirmed shelf space. PetCo and PetSmart have extended shelf space to us. Our product line was so well received, they have doubled and tripled the shelf space. Because of Madison Square Garden and our Adopt-a-Cat, we have the opportunity to partner with PetCo in a much bigger way. They have never seen any product introduced in any of their locations across the United States that has had such an immediate and significant impact with buyers' demand as our CFA-branded toys.

- Central Garden & Pet ~ Small placement NY/NJ. They are regional and focus much more on dogs than cats. 4-Sight is trying to get Central Garden & Pet to consider taking in more CFA toys.
- Cherrybrook ~ Small placement NY/NJ. They are regional and focus much more on dogs than cats. 4-Sight is trying to get Cherrybrook to consider taking in more CFA toys.
- Super Petz ~ Small placement NY/NJ. They are regional and focus much more on dogs than cats. 4-Sight is trying to get them to consider taking in more CFA toys.
- Pet Food Experts ~ Small placement NY/NJ. They are regional and focus much more on dogs than cats. 4-Sight is trying to get them to consider taking in more CFA toys.
- Pet Supermarket ~ Small placement NY/NJ. They are regional and focus much more on dog than cats. 4-Sight is trying to get them to consider taking in more CFA toys-.
- Bradley Caldwell ~ Very small placement NY/NJ. Very small and regional. 4-Sight is trying to get them to consider taking in more CFA toys
- Cane ~ Small placement NY/NJ. Canada distributor which has taken in \$20K so far. They will probably do about \$15K per quarter with CFA.
- Paramount Chemical Specialties ~ Stain & Odor Remover:
 - Packaging Completed-Planning to launch Spring '07
- Dakota Collectibles ~ Embroidery Collection CD-Rom. Finalization of the first CFA Breeds to be completed shortly and production will begin within the next few months, planning to launch Spring 2007
- Commonwealth Toys ~ Plush for Humans. Toy Fair (Feb) planning to launch to the retailers. Commonwealth to produce 4-5 sku's featuring up to 3 different breeds of pedigreed cats. Line will include, plush, dressable plush, interactive plush, vet kits,

grooming kits, bean bag plush. This contract is in the final stages prior to signature(s).

- *Danbury Mint ~ has requested the purchase of the CFA mailing list, for which they will pay \$1,200 for a one time mailing. If their results from this mailing are satisfactory, they will reevaluate creating branded CFA product items.*
- *Newly proposed Deal Memo under consideration: Eternal Image ~ the company manufactures urns and their licensee's include major league baseball and the AKC. The proposal is for a CFA branded urn for owners to place their beloved pet's ashes. The urn can include an image of the cat as well as a name plate for personalization. The Deal Memo proposes a guarantee of \$25,000 for 3 years at an 8% royalty. This has been authorized to progress to the contractual stage.*

➤ 4-Sight 2007 Objectives.

- *Continue the growth of the CFA Licensing program*
- *Merchandise Expansion*
 - *Electronic Cat Feeders*
 - *Cat Indoor locating device*
- *Retail Distribution Expansion*
 - *4Kids Retail Team*
- *Hotel & Airline Partnerships*
 - *Pet Accommodations i.e. several hotel chains/companies are being presented with the opportunity to include a Gift basket/CFA products to their guest who stay with their pets. Much like the branded toiletries seen in hotels.*
 - *CFA Branded food, treats, toys, bags, travel articles & beds*
- *Credit Card Affinity Program-CFA rewards Visa Card*
 - *Earn bonus points after purchases*
 - *15 Cat Breeds images available*
- *CFA Website Expansion*
 - *4Kids will be preparing a proposal for redesign of the CFA Web site to assist in the growth and awareness*
 - *4Sight is making a proposal to Petsupplies.com for a Cat.com*
- *CFA Shows*
 - *4Sight requested a list of the top 30 to 50 CFA shows*
 - *CatBank*

Baugh: It's great to see the toys are selling well. What are we going to see from this?
Johnson presented a spreadsheet which explained royalties on base sales and projected sales. Based on added shelf space, our expectation is exponentially greater royalties than the base amount.

- *Randy Smith from DNA Diagnostics Center, Inc. (DDC) will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation and will be available for questions.*

DDC was incorporated in 1994 in Ohio. It is one of twelve wholly owned subsidiary of RFL Holdings Corporation. RFL Holdings is a privately held company. DDC is the third largest DNA paternity testing laboratory in the United States, and it is the world's largest

laboratory in private paternity cases. DDC has over 900 agencies and corporate partners in the United States and worldwide. It has a network of 2,500 sample collection sites in the U.S. Our laboratories have performed over 1 million genetic tests for clients in all 50 states and over 168 countries and embassies. Formerly known as Molecular Diagnostics Center, our Center has been providing quality genetic testing since 1988. In 1994, the Center moved to the current location and renamed it as DNA Diagnostics Center (DDC in 2004). We have field operations located in the United Kingdom, Mexico, Hong Kong, Texas, Pennsylvania, Boston, and Florida.

DDC's DNA testing business encompasses four divisions: DDC-paternity, DDC-forensics, DDC-veterinary, and DDC-genetics. These divisions offer testing to private clients, agencies, corporate partners, institutions, embassies, U.S. and foreign governments. While each division has its expertise and independence, all divisions share resources, expert knowledge, research & development and instrumentations, and human resources.

Location: DDC's head quarters are located in Fairfield, Ohio, a suburb just north of Cincinnati. Our Fairfield facility consists of three modern buildings occupying over 128,000 square feet on 18 acres. This facility employs over 200 laboratory staff.

All genetic testing services for CatBank will be performed by a qualified team of experts at this location. The Fairfield campus will remain the principle location of business. No portion of the work generated for CatBank clients will be subcontracted unless previously agreed upon by both CFA and DDC.

Testing Quality

DDC has implemented a quality assurance program that meets and exceeds the standards and guidelines set forth by AABB (American Association of Blood Banks), CAP (College of American Pathologists), ISO 17025 (International Standards Organization), FQS-I (Forensic Quality Services – International), ASCLD-Lab International (The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board), CLIA (United State Department of Health and Human Services), and NYSDOH (New York State Department of Health). The DDC Quality Manual describes our extensive quality policies and procedures covering all aspects of testing including document control, staff competency, proficiency testing and confidentiality to assure the highest standards in DNA testing. Our emphasis on quality testing has been recognized by these outside regulatory agencies, which perform on-site inspections of our facilities. In the past four biannual inspections, our laboratory has received “zero deficiency” assessment from AABB, CAP, and NYSDOH. DDC's current record of TEN perfect scores on its biannual inspections is unheard of and unmatched by any laboratory in the DNA testing industry.

Angell moved to ratify a partnership with DDC as our lab for CatBank. **Miller:** The board should have a synopsis of the terms of an agreement first. **Johnson:** We have a designated person to be our contract negotiator. We would all like to be involved in that process, but we need to temper our needs with common sense and practicality. **Newkirk:** Responsibility for binding contracts falls back on the board. We need more knowledge so that we can understand contracts CFA has entered into. **Eigenhauser:** There are big contracts and there are little contracts. We don't want to see every contract, but this is a major endeavor, with DNA testing

being part of the future of CFA. **Angell** moved to table the motion for an email vote, which subsequently **Carried**. Calhoun, Eigenhauser and Satoh voting no.

➤ *Windsor Vineyards sales report for the period October '06 through December '06*

- *RECAP 41.5 Cases Ordered and Sold*

<i>Sales</i>	<i>\$10,326.65</i>
<i>Less Discount</i>	<i>\$1,239.89</i>
<i>Net Sales</i>	<i>\$9,086.76</i>
<i>Revenue Share @10%</i>	<i>\$908.68 Paid to CFA</i>

➤ *CFA Pet Healthcare To Be updated with Addendum at Board Meeting*

Fulkerson: Allene and Connie had a terrific idea about marketing our pet health insurance more directly. We will have a pop-up on online litter registrations or individual registrations, to provide the opportunity to consider providing the pet with a health insurance policy at that time.

➤ *AKC CAR Microchipping and Partnering ~ February 2005 reported our partnering with AKC for Microchipping as an Identification System for Cats. Joan Miller wrote an official Guidance Statement for CFA position on Microchipping. It has now been posted and can be viewed at <http://www.cfa.org/articles/microchipping.html>*

- *Centennial “Ring of the Bell” ~ Because our branding company, 4-Kids is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, CEO/President Al Kahn was able to help CFA celebrate its Centennial Celebration and help promote the Iams/CFA Championships by ringing the Closing Bell at the NYSE. CFA representatives included Pam DelaBar, President; Kitty Angell, Vice-President; Allene Tartaglia, CFA Executive Director; and Roann Fulkerson, CFA Director of marketing and Public Relations. Also present were Mr. Kahn; Katherine Kinney, Co-President, New York Stock Exchange; and Barbara Bucher, brand manager of Iams Company, the co-sponsor of our Madison Garden Event. Dr. and Mrs. Howard Jones brought their black Persian Kitten Kourii Enjoy The Silence of Exton, and Lauren Castle-Flynn brought a cream European Burmese, Bondi’s Hugh Jackman of Abycastle as the longhair and shorthair kittens were presented on the podium.*

➤ *Game Show Network “Cat-Minster” Television Production ~ It is with great excitement that CFA will be televised on Game Show Network in March. The pre televised promotions are in full swing. The Television Critics Association pre press preview held January 12th in Santa Monica, CA where GSN introduced the Cat-Minster programming were very well-received. The critics who pick up shows to be aired on additional networks were thrilled with the CFA International Cat Championship!*

➤ *Corporate Sponsor ~*

- *Royal Canin 2007 Sponsorship total current for 2007 is \$109,000.00*
 - *2007/2008 Two Year Annual Advertising Package for Royal Canin: \$31,792*
 - *White Pages Back Cover 4 Color, Inside Front Cover 4 Color and Royal Canin logo on each inside pages:*

<i>\$7,650</i>	<i>2007 issue</i>
<i>\$7,650</i>	<i>2008 issue</i>

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| ▪ CFA Year Books Full Page Color Ad: | \$1,020 | 2006 year in record |
| | \$1,020 | 2007 year in record |
| ▪ Almanac Back Cover Six Issues | \$7,226 | 2006/07 |
| | \$7,226 | 2007/08 |
| ▪ Show Sponsorships to clubs totals: | <u>\$49,000</u> | |
- Each of the following clubs are receiving monetary award of \$1,000 cash, a Sturdi Carrier, (red) with the Royal Canin logo awarded for the highest scoring cat in show and Food Trophies – A bag of RC Cat Food will be awarded for Best Cat/Kitten in each ring for each division (Championship, Kitten and Premiership)
 1. OREGON CATS, INC. February 3-4, 2007
 2. CAROLINA SOPHISTICATS February 10-11, 2007
 3. CINNCINNATI CAT CLUB February 17-18, 2007
 4. NAT'L NORWEGIAN F C February 24-25, 2007
 5. COASTWIND CAT CLUB February 24-25, 2007
 6. MALIBU CAT CLUB February 24-25, 2007
 7. FOOTHILL FELINES March 3-4, 2007
 8. CRAB AND MALLET CAT CLUB March 10-11, 2007
 9. WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CF March 17-18, 2007
 10. ORIENTAL SHORTHAIRES OF AM March 24-25, 2007
 11. THE CRAFTY CAT SHOW March 31-April 1, 2007
 12. GASPARILLA FELINE FRIENDS April 14-15, 2007
 13. SEACOAST CAT CLUB May 6-7, 2007
 14. AMERICAN WIREHAIR/OCALA/CAROLINA May 26-27, 2007
 15. ABYSSINIAN MIDWEST BREEDERS June 23-24, 2007
 16. LOS COLORES CAT CLUB August 18-19, 2007
 17. TROPICAL CATS August 18-19, 2007
 18. FREESTATE FELINE FANCIERS September 22-23, 2007
 19. CATS EXCLUSIVE, INC. October 20-21, 2007
 20. INDY CAT CLUB, INC. October 27-28, 2007
 21. DAYTON CAT FANCIERS November 10-11, 2007
 22. BUFFALO CAT FANCIERS November 24-25, 2007
 23. BLACK TIE & TAILS CAT CLUB December 1-2, 2007
 24. LEWIS & CLARK LH SPECIALTY December 1-2, 2007
 25. PHOENIX FELINES December 8-9, 2007
 26. DIXIELAND SILVER & GOLDEN December 8-9, 2007
 27. STRAIGHT AND CURL CAT CLUB December 15-16, 2007

The two Shows Listed Below are 2008 and have also been selected for Sponsorship. This is due to their early '08 dates.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 27. ABSOLUTELY ABYSSINIANS | January 5-6, 2008 |
| 28. MID-MICHIGAN CAT FANCIERS | January 12-13, 2008 |

The Seven Premier Shows Selected

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| HOUSTON CAT CLUB | January 6-7, 2007 |
| SAN DIEGO CAT FANCIERS | January 27-28, 2007 |
| GARDEN STATE CAT CLUB | July 21-22, 2007 |
| MO-KAN CAT CLUB | August 11-12, 2007 |
| NATIONAL CAPITAL SHOW | September 8-9, 2007 |
| SOUTHWEST REGIONAL BENEFIT | October 13-14, 2007 |
| COTTON STATES CAT CLUB | November 3-4, 2007 |

- CFA INTERNATIONAL CAT SHOW November 16-18, 2007
 \$7,500 Bronze Sponsorship (Same as 06)
 \$15,000 Hospitality (Same as 06)
- THE ANNUAL: CFA Annual in Austin, TX
 \$5,000 (Increase of \$2,000 from 06)

- *Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat Litter total current for 2007 is: \$86,950*

- *Show Sponsorship \$ 18,500.00*

<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1000.00 SAN DIEGO CAT FANCIERS</i>	<i>January 27-28, 2007</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1000.00 NAT'L NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT</i>	<i>February 24-25, 2007</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1000.00 COASTWIND CAT CLUB</i>	<i>February 24-25, 2007</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1000.00 FOOTHILLS FELINES</i>	<i>March 3-4, 2007</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1000.00 MO-KAN CAT CLUB</i>	<i>August 11-12, 2007</i>
<i>Co-Lead Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 9,000.00 NATIONAL CAPITAL SHOW</i>	<i>September 8-9, 2007</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1,500.00 COTTON STATES CAT CLUB</i>	<i>November 3-4, 2007</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1000.00 DAYTON CAT FANCIERS</i>	<i>November 10-11, 2007</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1000.00 BUFFALO CAT FANCIERS</i>	<i>November 24-25, 2007</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$ 1000.00 PHOENIX FELINE FANCIERS</i>	<i>December 8-9, 2007</i>

- *Several of the above clubs/shows will be receiving FREE LITTER distribution at their shows for both Exhibitors and Spectator Gate.*
- *National Capital – \$10,000 Co-Lead Sponsor of National Capital Show*
Co-Lead Sponsor of National Capital Show and Product Distribution in Parking Lot
- *CFA/Iams Cat Championship NY – \$10,000 – Official litter sponsorship and provided litter for the show*
- *The Adopt-A-Cat at the Garden \$5,000*
- *The International – \$4,000 – Bronze sponsorship (Special Pricing)*
- *Online banner in Fanc-e-News – \$1,950*
- *CFA Annual and Banquet to be held in Austin, TX 2007 \$2,500 and gifts*
- *The new CFA Community Outreach Program: \$35,000*
 - *Video/CD on proper handling of cats to minimize stress and injury*

- *The Business Development Committee continues to develop additional corporate contacts and expects to finalize the renewal of our Annual Sponsorship contract with Greenies Feline Treats some time prior to the Board meeting. An update addendum will be provided. Greenies sponsored \$30,500 in 2006 and it is expected to meet or exceed this for 2007 with CFA.*

DelaBar: As a point of clarification, vendors pay for a space to sell their products; sponsors buy services from the clubs. **Fulkerson:** Working with sponsors at a club level is a new area for both CFA and our sponsors. Sponsors are buying a “product” from CFA, with clubs being the intermediary. They have a conceptual idea what they want to receive. It’s something that we need to be sensitive about providing to them. **Johnson:** It would be helpful to write up guidelines for clubs, in order to increase sensitivity. We need to educate our clubs in a broader way. **Angell** reviewed the tremendous work done by Club Liaison Bob Johnston. **Johnson** moved to devise an action plan to look at how we can best facilitate sponsor/club relations. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Future Projections of the Business Development Committee:

- *Mind Touch Proposal*
 - *A presentation will be made to the Board by MindTouch’s CEO, Ken Liu.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Kitty Angell, Chair
Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

**ADDENDUM TO:
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Ongoing Committee Activities:

➤ *Corporate Sponsor ~*

- *Royal Canin 2007 Sponsorship total was previously reported for 2007 at \$109,000.00 this number should reflect the correction to be \$111,592.00
Shows already having received 2007 sponsorship funds
HOUSTON CAT CLUB January 6-7, 2007
SAN DIEGO CAT FANCIERS January 27-28, 2007*

- *Dr. Elsey's Precious Cat previous report reflected a total for 2007 of: \$86,950 This amount has been Decreased and is now \$68,450*
 - *Show Sponsorship ~~\$22,200.00~~. This dollar amount has been decreased by \$6,700.00*

The below listed clubs were scheduled to receive funds which are no longer available to all clubs, as this level of corporate sponsorship has been PULLED by the Sponsor.

<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1000.00 NAT'L NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT</i>	<i>February 24-25</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1000.00 COASTWIND CAT CLUB</i>	<i>February 24-25</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1000.00 FOOTHILLS FELINES</i>	<i>March 3-4</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1000.00 MO-KAN CAT CLUB</i>	<i>August 11-12</i>
	<i>\$20,000 FREE 15# Bags of litter distributed to all Exhibitors and Spectator Gate</i>	
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1700.00 COTTON STATES CAT CLUB</i>	<i>November 3-4</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1000.00 DAYTON CAT FANCIERS</i>	<i>November 10-11</i>
	<i>\$20,000 FREE 15# Bags of litter distributed to all Exhibitors and Spectator Gate</i>	
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1000.00 BUFFALO CAT FANCIERS</i>	<i>November 24-25</i>
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1000.00 PHOENIX FELINE FANCIERS</i>	<i>December 8-9</i>
	<i>\$20,000 FREE 15# Bags of litter distributed to all Exhibitors and Spectator Gate</i>	
<i>Ring Sponsor</i>	<i>\$1500.00 DIMES AND DOLLARS CAT CLUB</i>	<i>December 8-9</i>

ONLY Remaining Club sponsorship

<i>NATIONAL CAPITAL</i>	<i>\$10,000.00</i>	<i>September 8-9</i>
<i>NAT'L NORWEGIAN FOREST CAT</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>	<i>February 24-25</i>
<i>FOOTHILLS FELINES</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>	<i>March 3-4</i>
<i>DIMES AND DOLLARS CAT CLUB</i>	<i>\$ 1,500.00</i>	<i>December 8-9</i>

Shows already having received 2007 sponsorship funds

HOUSTON CAT CLUB, January 6th-7th, received Ring Sponsorship funds, coupons for FREE 15# bag of Dr. Elsey's Cat Attract litter for the Best Cat in each ring.

SAN DIEGO CAT FANCIERS, January 27th-28th, received Ring Sponsorship, \$20,000 product for FREE, 15# Bags of Dr. Elsey's Cat Attract litter was supposed to be distributed to Exhibitors and Spectator Gate.

- *CFA Pet Healthcare- a check was sent to central office 1/31/07 for \$1,005.85 reflecting 59 policies , 3 of which are for canines.*

- *4Kids/4Sight ~*

- *The announcement was received yesterday that both Target and Wal-Mart are ecstatic about sales of the CFA Branded toys they offered during the recent holiday season. Based on the tremendous success of this introduction, both retailers have made permanent shelf space to carry the CFA products and expand their inventory selection.*
- *PetSupplies.com ~ had an extensive meeting with 4Sight on Monday, January 29th. PetSupplies.com has offered a Deal Memo to CFA of which will be reviewed and further updates provided to the Board as they become available. The overview of this proposed deal will be this supplier will represent the full line of CFA Branded products on their web site. CFA will receive a revenue percentage for ALL products sold there. This will provide CFA royalty revenue from both the manufacturing end as well as the retail end of sales. PetSupplies.com is the #1 largest distributor of online sales for pet products.*
- *JPI has announced their intentions to greatly expand the CFA Brand of products. During the next two weeks meetings are being scheduled to discuss additional product lines to be created and released. Examples are a Kitten Line of products as well as a Shelter/Colony cat targeted line of products, pet furniture, electronic feeders, etc.*

Future Projections of the Business Development Committee

➤ *PetCo ~*

- *Contact has been received from the National Buyer for all US PetCo's requesting a meeting to establish further and greater partnering with CFA in all USA PetCo locations. A business proposal will be presented during an "in person meeting" with PetCo executives/buyers in the next couple of weeks. PetCo is highly pleased with CFA's image impact.*
- *Quote from PetCo to 4Kids/4Sight: CFA Toys are selling extremely well*
 - *PetCo sold 33,000 pieces in the 2 weeks before Christmas 33,000. CFA toys - PetCo typically sells during that same time of the year .5 to 1 per week for feline toys.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kitty Angell, Chair

Roeann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations

(4) JUDGING PROGRAM.

Judging Program Chair Rachel Anger presented the following report and made all standing motions with the right to vote no:

Committee Chair: ***Rachel Anger** – Letters of Complaint; Board of Directors Meeting Reports; General Communication and Oversight*

List of Committee Members: ***Norman Auspitz** – Representative on the CFA Protest Committee; Judging Program Rules and Updates; File Administrator; Judges' Education (Breed Awareness and Orientation School)*

***Carla Bizzell** – File Administrator*

***Ellyn Honey** – Mentor Program Administrator*

***Becky Orlando** – Japan and International Division Trainee and File Administrator; guest judges (CFA judges in approved foreign associations, licensed judges from approved foreign associations in CFA)*

***Neil Quigley** – New Applicants (inquiries, queries, follow ups, counseling); Teach Judging Application Process at Breed Awareness & Orientation School*

***Donna Jean Thompson** – Domestic Trainee Administrator*

***Annette Wilson** – File Administrator*

***Bob Zenda** – Judges' Education (Workshops, Judges' Test)*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Deaths: We are saddened to report the loss of one of our fellow judges, Boris Teron, on October 13, 2006, following complications from open heart surgery. Boris was a longtime CFA judge and exhibitor. Among his many accomplishments are CFA judge since 1970, past secretary of the CFA Himalayan Breed Council, past president of the International Himalayan Society, co-founder of Windy City and Jolly Roger Cat Clubs. Boris conducted the first clerking and grooming schools in the Midwest Region. He was a friend to all.

We are sorry to also report the loss of our good friend, Ray Pinder, on November 23, 2006, after a long illness. Ray came to CFA in 2004 as a longhair judge from another association and, although his time with us was short, he made a positive impact on everyone he met.

We also received word from Australia that former CFA Judge Lionel Farminer passed away in October, 2006, following a long illness. Lionel lived in Vermont but returned to his home town of Adelaide some years ago. Many of us remember Lionel as a real gentleman and a CFA longhair judge commencing 1979.

Resignations: After 35 years of service to CFA, the Judging Program has accepted with regret the resignation of Ricky Carroll as an Approved Allbreed judge since 1971. Ricky passes along her thanks for the honor and privilege of having judged for CFA, and the true joy of being able

to put her hands on the most beautiful cats in the world. We wish Ricky all the best and hope to see her at local shows. Her smile and love of cats will be missed in the show hall.

Allbreed Judge Tokuko (Suzie) Yamazaki was honored at the CFA Japan Region Cat Show on January 14, 2007, at a retirement ceremony. Tokuko's many accomplishments include being the first Region 8 Director. She has dedicated her life to cats and for CFA clubs in Japan. Tokuko bred cats under the cattery name of "Serbs". She has been a CFA Judge since 1981, and was recently honored for 25 years of service at the June, 2006 Annual. She hopes CFA will continue as the largest cat association in the world. Tokuko's daughter, Yukiko Hayata, continues to represent the family as a CFA Allbreed Judge herself. We wish Tokuko well and accept her resignation with regret.

Thank You Messages: The Judging Program Committee has received notes of appreciation from Vicki Abelson, Carla Bizzell, Carolyn Lyons and Richard Hoskinson for their recent advancements.

Current Projects for Committee:

In addition to the day-to-day file administration of our advancing judges, the Judging Program has completed a review of 2007 judging fee payments and workshop attendance in accordance with Judging Program Rule Section VIII, Paragraph H. Judges not in compliance with one or both requirement(s) were notified.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Judges' Workshop baton has been passed to Bob Zenda by Norman Auspitz. Bob comes to the Judging Program with experience in this area, and we look forward to his relevant and professional judging approach to the topics in the workshop, thereby continuing to make them stimulating and interesting to the high caliber of our CFA Judging Panel. Carrying on his many years of greatly appreciated service to the Judging Program, Norm will remain as Breed Awareness and Orientation School Coordinator, as well as retain his remaining judge files.

International/Guest Judging Assignments: Permission has been granted for the following:

CFA Judges to Judge International Assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>City/Country</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kitty Angell	CCCA	Feline Control Council	Melbourne, Australia	5/6/07
Kitty Angell	NZCF	NZ Burmese Cat Club	Christchurch, NZ	5/12/07
Kitty Angell	NZCF	Longhair Cat Breeders	Christchurch, NZ	5/13/07
Kitty Angell	CCCA	Lockyer Valley AB Club	Brisbane, Australia	5/20/07
Mary Auth	Waratah	Waratah Ntl Cat Alliance	Australia	5/5/07
Mary Auth	CATS Inc.	Nine Lives Allbreed CC	New Zealand	5/12/07
Holly Ayers	CATS Inc.	Tasmanian Smooth/Fluffy	Hobart, Tasmania	8/18/07
Holly Ayers	ACF, Inc.	Feline Assoc. of NSW	Gosford, Australia	8/25/07
Carla Bizzell	NZCF	NZCF National Show	Napier, NZ	6/9/07
Kathy Black	NZCF	NZCF National Show	Napier, NZ	6/9/07
Pam DelaBar	NZCF	Pedigree Persian Fancier	Wellington, NZ	9/1/07

Chuck Gradowski	NZCF	Capitol Cats/Birman CC	Canberra, Australia	5/19/07
Chuck Gradowski	NZCF	Birman CC of NZ	Auckland, NZ	5/25/07
Chuck Gradowski	NZCF	Geyserland CC	Tauranga, NZ	6/4/07
Wain Harding	FIFE	Stockholms CC	Stockholm, Sweden	11/11/06
Darrell Newkirk	ACF	Birman CF Queensland	Brisbane, Australia	5/12/07
Darrell Newkirk	CCCA	Capitol Cats/Birman CC	Canberra, Australia	5/19/07
Darrell Newkirk	NZCF	Birman CC of NZ	Auckland, NZ	5/25/07
Darrell Newkirk	FIFE	Jydsk Racekatte Klub	Felis Danica, Denmark	11/25/06
Patty Jacobberger	RUI	Nika Center CC	Moscow, Russia	4/15/07
Vickie Nye	FIFE	Ostkatten	Sweden	10/6/07
Vickie Nye	FIFE	Pirkanmaan	Tempere, Finland	5/19/07
		Totukissayhdistys		
Betty White	RUI	Nika Center CC	Moscow, Russia	4/15/07

Non-CFA Judges requesting permission to guest judge CFA shows:

<u>Judge</u>	<u>ASSN</u>	<u>CFA Show</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Elena Gnatkevich	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	2/10/07
Irina Kharchenko	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	2/10/07
Olga Korotonozhkina	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	2/10/07
Allan Raymond	FCCV	Feline Society of Malaysia	Sarawak, E Malaysia	11/25/06
Allan Raymond	FCCV	Hong Kong Cat Fanciers	Hong Kong	12/30/06
Allan Raymond	FCCV	Shanghai Cat Lovers	Shanghai, China	3/17/07
Michael Schleissner	WCF	Seacoast CC	Concord, NH	5/5/07
Irina Tokmakova	RUI	Rolandus CC	Kiev, Ukraine	2/10/07
Cheryl U'ren	CCCA	Feline Soc. Of Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	1/14/07

Action Item: Acceptance/Advancements: The following individuals are presented to the Board for acceptance/advancement:

Accept as Trainee:

Lorraine Rivard (SH – 1st Specialty) 19 yes
 Michie Shinmoto (LH – 1st Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Apprentice:

Dee Dee Cantley (SH – 1st Specialty) 19 yes
 Barbara Jaeger (SH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes
 Sharon Powell (SH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Advance to Approval Pending:

Peter Vanwonderghem (SH – 2nd Specialty) 19 yes

Action Item: Relicense Judges: All judges are presented to the Board for relicensing.

Lynn Search 5 yes; 11 no (Janosik, Calhoun, L. Watson, Baugh, Shaffer, J. Watson, Barnaby, Cummings, Wilson, Kusy, Eigenhauser); 3 abstain (Miller, Anger, Angell)

Action Item: Adopt revised CFA Judging Program Mentor Program Rules And Guidelines, effective immediately.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Chair*

(5) **PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

Protest Committee Chair George Eigenhauser gave the Protest Committee report containing recommendations for disposition of pending matters (see item #27).

(6) **BREEDS AND STANDARDS.**

Breeds and Standards Chair Annette Wilson presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no.

Committee Chair: Annette Wilson
List of Committee Members: Debbie Kusy, Peg Johnson, Julie Keyer

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

- ✓ *Met with Breed Council Secretaries at June Annual Meeting*
- ✓ *Asked Central Office to forward individual Breed Rules for Registration to each respective BC Secretary (done, August, 2006)*
- ✓ *Reviewed and revised (with BC Secretary and CO) the ballots for this meeting*

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. *Interest and correspondence received on prospective new breeds includes Li Hua Mau (from China), Munchkin and Desert Lynx (PixiBob-Maine Coon-Manx). Detailed material on new breed application requirements provided to inquiries. This is the second time we have had an inquiry about the Li Hua Mau but it doesn't seem to go anywhere. If there is any judge on the board going to China in the next few months, perhaps we could talk after the meeting and I could provide some material to take.*
2. *We will tighten up the current BC balloting schedule and deadlines to better reflect the timeframe of BC membership. Central Office proposes (and we agree) that beginning with the next balloting process, this schedule will apply (changes in bold):*

8/1 – BC Membership application deadline

8/1 – New/Advancing Breed Applications due

9/1 – Ballot items due to CO

10/25 – Ballots mailed from CO to BC Members

12/15 – Ballots returned to CO

Since BC Secretary elections are part of the balloting process, this schedule will provide election results prior to 1/1 and add time for compiling ballot results before the February board meeting. This schedule will also allow for earlier mailing of BC membership renewal notices.

If there is no discussion, we will proceed with this schedule.

Wilson: This will give the Breeds and Standards Committee a much shorter time frame for reviewing the ballots, but a majority of the breed council secretaries have been following the procedures for submission, which helps move the process along. **DelaBar** called the motion.

Motion Carried.

3. *MISC Breed Reports – RagaMuffin is the only current MISC breed. A recap of reports received on this breed will be provided for your review prior to the meeting. A summary with # of cats shown/region by breeder will also be supplied.*
4. *PROV Breed Reports – LaPerm is the only current PROV breeds. A summary of reports received on this breed will provided for your review prior to the meeting. A summary, by breed, with the # of cats shown/region by breeder will also be supplied. It was the intention of the LaPerm BC Secretary to request advancement at this meeting, but she missed the deadline (by over a month).*
5. *New Breed Applications – We have no applications from new breeds.*
6. *Breed Advancements – None.*
7. *Breed Council/Committee Ballots – copies of ballots/results provided to all board members by Central Office, vote on standard changes passed by 60% or more of breed council members and consider non-standard changes, proposals and informational items.*
8. *Breed Council/Committee meeting with CFA Board at June, 2006 Board Meeting –set date, schedule, discussion points.*

Future Projections for Committee:

- *Provisional and Miscellaneous Breed Report forms are still under review. We would like to revise this form to provide better information in a measurable manner. We would also like to be able to use the same form for AOV's that might be evaluated for future movement to championship (i.e., colorpoint and mitted Ragdolls)*
- *Color descriptions for the increased number of breeds in the Breed Standards publication have grown to require more pages than can be bound in the current format. The Breeds and Standards Committee agrees that common color descriptions could be printed at the beginning of the Breed Standards publication with exception descriptions by breed. For common descriptions, just the color name would be included by breed. Option is to bind the standards using a more expensive process. This is a continuing project that has become overwhelming; we are adding more volunteers so the job can be broken up and shared out.*

Action Items:

1. *Breed Council Ballots, vote on proposals passed by 60% of BC members.*

Wilson: We will address the groups that have combined issues; the Exotic and the Persian ballots, and then the Oriental, Javanese, Balinese, Colorpoint Shorthair ballots.

2. *Breed Council Secretaries' Meeting with Breeds with CFA Board, schedule for June Annual Meeting; date/time. Suggest limiting to two hours with tighter agenda.*

Wilson: The meeting is scheduled Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon instead of Thursday so that we will get better participation.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

June, 2007 – Annual meeting of Breed Council Secretaries and CFA Board; input will be sought for topics of discussion.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Wilson, Chair*

2006 Breed Council Poll

EXOTIC

Breed Council Secretary: Becky Orlando
Total Members: 77
Ballots Received: 74
60% of Voting: 45

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Nancy Petersen
Total Members: 229
Ballots Received: 180
60% of Voting: 108

DelaBar: We allow the breed council secretaries involved to make a statement to the board if they wish. **Wilson:** The breed council secretary for the Exotic has designated Johanna Leibfarth to speak.

Leibfarth: *Both of our breed councils have cast their votes. It was a delight to have such an enthusiastic and almost unanimous response from the Exotic side. We all would like to be able to show our longhairs in CFA, and even the Persian members (by a mathematical majority) agreed that there should be a place for them to compete. 61 % are willing to accept us as Exotic longhairs, as they indicated as a second choice.*

Please let me start at the beginning, when the Exotic breed was "born". The name Exotic Shorthair (later changed to Exotic) was given to our cats by the board members from almost forty years ago, without any involvement from the breeders of this fledgling new variety. It was chosen arbitrarily and it is an unfortunate and unbecoming name. The Exotic is neither exotic nor does it have short hair. I am convinced, if the board at that time could have foreseen the impressive development of these hybrids and if they would have had the benefits of modern genetic understanding, they would have named these cats shorthair Persians instead of Exotic Shorthairs. The Persian breeders would have quickly learned that a longhair Exotic indeed produces only longhairs if it is bred like any other Persian. The misconception that having a longhair Exotic in your pedigree might give you shorthair offspring is simply just that – a misconception. It is genetically not possible. They would also have realized how much easier life can be with a few naturally shaved down "Persians" in the house.

None of us who breed Exotics want to produce longhairs. Our goal is, and has always been, to breed a Persian cat with a shorter, easier to care for coat. However, after a few generations of breeding Exotic to Exotic, we realized that the coats on our cats were becoming too short. The luxurious coat of an Exotic is the one factor that sets them apart from all other breeds. It is unlike the coat of any of the shorthair breeds and it is not the coat of a Persian either. The medium long, plush, thick coat of our breed will gradually revert to the short, close lying coat of a shorthair cat. The unique coat of our cats is the result of combining Exotics and Persians, and it can only be maintained by at least intermittently breeding back to the Persians.

Therefore, we will always have to use a Persian and with this we will always create longhair Exotics. I like to mention here that a shorthair Exotic does NOT breed true. Only the by-products, the longhairs, breed true!

Much has been made of the purity issue. After breeding Exotics to Persians for ten generations the “impurity” that came originally from the outcross SH breeds has been reduced to a level so infinitesimal that it is considered to be negligible by scientists. Today there are few Exotics that do not have at least ten generations of Persians/Exotics behind them after the original cross. For almost forty years, Exotics have developed alongside the Persians to achieve the quality they exhibit today. Longhair Exotics (most always the best of a litter) cannot visually be distinguished from a Persian and they are genetically identical. Since the longhair gene is recessive, like blue or dilute, or the point-restricted colors, the chromosome which carries the shorthair gene is not and cannot be present. All other undesirable features from the original outcross breeds have been eliminated through selective breeding. Today’s Exotics are equal to (and in some instances better than) their Persian cousins. We can say with confidence that today’s Exotics, both shorthair and longhair, are Persians, and that at least the longhairs should be allowed to compete as Persians. As you know, we would not be the first Association to recognize these cats as worthy of a title. We are most likely the last!

It is no secret that the What Is a Breed Committee was created for political reasons without much, if any, consideration for scientific facts and data. The committee was appointed to find ways to prevent the addition of an Exotic division to the Persian breed for fear this would set precedence for other breeds that might have a similar situation.

What happens in one breed should never be regarded as precedence for another. Every breed has its own Breed Council to make informed decisions about their breed. Only they can know what is needed for their cats to maintain health and achieve show quality, and only they will know the requirements for perpetuity of their own breed. Yet, in the case of the What is a Breed vote, members of all the breed councils were asked to make a decision that would affect another breed, even though they had no knowledge of the needs of that breed. We feel that it is wrong to adopt a policy which dictates a uniform approach on certain matters to all breeds. The vote of the Exotic Breed Council clearly indicates that we were not in favor of the adoption of the What is a Breed edict.

According to the philosophy of What is a Breed, Exotic longhairs, today shown as AOVs, cannot request to be shown within their parent breed. The reason given is that Exotics are said to “mimic” or to be “look-alikes” of the Persian. However, longhair Exotics are not look-alikes, THEY ARE PERSIANS. The Persian is said to be a “natural” breed. In “Rules Governing Acceptance and Advancement of New Breeds” it says: “...Examples of Hybrid breeds are the Himalayan Persian, the Exotic and the Oriental”. Because Himalayans and Bi-Color/Calicos are divisions of this breed, are Persians today not an established breed by definition, or maybe even a hybrid breed?

Exotic breeders have, for 40 years, diligently worked parallel with the Persian breeders to achieve the standard of today’s Persian. Therefore we could use our longhair cats in our breeding programs. This would mean that such a cat, most likely a beautiful specimen, would

forever appear in the pedigree of his or her progeny without a title (and some of us have done just that; a longhair Exotic was, for example, CFAs first male Exotic DM).

Do you really believe that it is fair to ask any breeder to simply shrug his shoulders, accept this situation and place most of his lovely longhairs as pets, assuring that they will never see the inside of a show hall and also where they most likely will not be registered?

For that reason, a good number of breeders with longhair Exotics spend many weekends and many dollars at shows of other organizations in order to get titles for their cats. This alone amounts to substantial loss of revenue for CFA.

But much worse, breeders might resort to the art of “paper hanging.” Since longhair Exotics, embedded in a Persian’s pedigree will never produce a shorthair kitten and reveal their true identity, this is a perfectly safe practice; deplorable, but safe. We have to realize that this trend will not go away if we close our eyes to it. The only way that we can maintain or restore breed integrity for the Persian, is by accepting this fact, acting on it and giving longhair Exotics a rightful place in the show hall. Mr. Gebhardt wrote in 1985, “It is far better to have confidence that the pedigree is factual.” The situation today is that, unless you know the complete history of all the cats in a Persian pedigree, you cannot be absolutely sure with 100% certainty that a Persian’s pedigree is factual, you can only HOPE it is correct.

I consider this to be a great tragedy. No, we should not reward dishonesty, but why have a rule that tempts people into dishonesty? We feel that it would not be a “reward”, but a correction to a mistake or an oversight from almost 40 years ago. If longhair Exotics were allowed to earn a CFA title, this situation would not exist. A person would have the choice to accept or reject a kitten with a 7xxx registration number prefix. Today they do not have this choice. The Persian breeder of course can choose not to work with a breeder who has Persians and Exotics. But, you who are judges do not have that choice. You cannot put a Persian cat on the table and say: “I can not judge this cat because it comes from a cattery that also has Exotics.”

Lately we have noticed a decline in the number of Persian entries at the shows. I am sure there are many reasons for this decline, but the Exotic can certainly not be blamed. According to recently published statistics in the Almanac, there is a 28% decline of Persians shown since 2001, but there is a 38% increase of Exotics for the same period. If longhair Exotics could be shown with the Persians, we might have the chance of recovering from this drastic decline, to a certain degree. It would certainly not have a negative effect on the Persians.

Breeding, whether it is mice or cows or canaries, is not only intuition and art, it is also science. And it cannot be a static activity either. As breeds evolve, changes are inevitable and need to be implemented; there has to be flexibility and room for progress. Otherwise, we would still interchangeably call a Persian an Angora or a longhair, as it was the case 50+ years ago. If new scientific revelations were disregarded, we would not have the opportunity today to have parental verification through DNA testing. We would not understand the mode of inheritance of the gene responsible for PKD and we would not be able to eliminate PKD thanks to a 100% reliable DNA test.

The current financial state of CFA is the subject of much discussion. I do not feel competent to discuss the subject but, as I understand it, CFA is financially on a decline. No, I do not believe that giving longhair Exotics championship status alone will save CFA. Additional income from registration fees would be minimal. However, since almost all registries in the world regard longhair Exotics as being worthy of show competition, many Exotic breeders who want to show their longhairs spend a good number of weekends at shows of other organizations. Since every breeder in the world is proud to have a CFA title on his cats. I am sure that these people would rather attend CFA shows exclusively, concentrate their own financial resources and support only CFA clubs. The number of Exotics in Europe and in Asia is far more substantial than in the US. I cannot imagine that, if all these breeders would only show CFA, work for CFA, join the CFA breed council, etc., that this would not provide extra income. I pledge to personally work very hard to convince breeders of the benefits of becoming a breed council member. I was surprised to learn how few breeders from overseas understand that they are eligible to join their breed councils. Only one person from the vast community of Exotic breeders in China, for example, is a breed council member. However, how could we convince breeders to become active in the decision-making process, if their input will only be ignored. We believe that it is unwise to disregard any possibility of additional funds in view of our current critical situation. Please understand that I would not mention the financial aspect of this issue at all, if I did not wholeheartedly believe that the acceptance of Exotic longhairs in championship was indeed a correct step in the evolution of our two breeds and that it would not be detrimental to CFA.

It is long overdue for CFA to begin thinking more progressively and to get in step with the rest of the world. Our organization has the reputation in other countries of being too conservative and in certain matters behind the times. The consensus is that our decisions are based on politics, beliefs, emotions and opinions rather than on logic and scientifically substantiated facts.

We realize that accepting our request to grant longhair Exotics championship status requires a large amount of courage since this may be an unpopular verdict with some people and it will be a monumental historic step. However, we feel that the time has come for the acceptance of the longhairs. Breeders from all around the world are anxiously awaiting your decision. Please don't let them down.

Wilson: Susan Cook-Henry has been designated by Nancy Petersen, the breed council secretary for the Persians, to speak.

Cook-Henry passed out select representations of 2005 registrations of certain Persian colors (source: Almanac, April/May, 2006), which are registration prefixes for Persians separate from registration prefixes for Colorpoint carrier cats. The Himalayans and Colorpoints added together equal a little over 60% of total Persian registrations. The same thing happened with Himalayans in 1985 that the Exotic breed council is now asking to happen with their longhair variants.

*PERSIAN REGISTRATIONS 2005
(CFA Almanac, April/May 2006)*

Select Color Class representations

<i>PERSIAN</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>CPC</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>Copper-eyed white</i>	165	221		129	173
<i>Black</i>	240	162		243	223
<i>Chinchilla Silver</i>	65	125		46	78
<i>Shaded Silver</i>	160	205		211	261
<i>Shaded Golden</i>	40	35		29	39
<i>Brown Tabby</i>	61	80		5	95
<i>Tortoiseshell</i>		265			360
<i>Blue-Cream</i>		115			224
<i>Calico</i>		402			163
<i>Black & White</i>	293	220		96	70

TOTAL PERSIAN REGISTRATIONS

<i>Persian</i>	6,120	(36.1%)
<i>Himalayan</i>	5,687	(33.5%)
<i>CPC</i>	<u>5,140</u>	<u>(30.4%)</u>
<i>Total</i>	16,947	(100%)

SELECT SHOWS – PERSIAN ENTRIES

Total K/C/P entered

<i>National Capital Sept. 2005</i>	61	<i>Himalayan – 11</i>
<i>* 3 kittens – no reg. #'s</i>		<i>CPC – 0</i>
	<i>Percentage of total Persian entry: 18%</i>	
<i>CFA International Show Nov. 2005</i>	186	<i>Himalayan – 30</i>
<i>18 kittens – no reg. #'s</i>		<i>CPC – 22</i>
	<i>Percentage of total Persian entry: 28%</i>	
<i>CFA International Show Nov. 2006</i>	132	<i>Himalayan – 27</i>
<i>* 9 kittens – no reg. #'s</i>		<i>CPC – 22</i>
	<i>Percentage of total Persian entry: 37%</i>	

The Persian, a natural breed, has been CFA's most popular throughout its 100-year history. Its breeders have worked very hard to get the Persian closer and closer to the standard of perfection. Knowing pedigrees and working to blend lines which "click" has always been at the heart of a breeder's quest. Three times in recent years, the Persian Breed Council has asked for an 8-generation pedigree requirement for Persians coming from foreign registries, and despite Breed Council support in excess of 70% each time, the CFA Board has turned down the request while maintaining that same requirement for other breeds such as the Abyssinian, Russian Blue and Siamese. What the Persian is allowed is a 6-generation pedigree coming from foreign registries; that is, the individual cat plus 5 generations IF THE CAT IS TO BE SHOWN. However, the same Persian can be registered FOR BREEDING PURPOSES ONLY with just four generations beyond the individual cat. So in effect, a Persian from a foreign registry can be

registered for breeding with a 5-generation pedigree which will not show that there might be another breed in the 6th generation.

And that is what it is really all about for those of us who truly cherish the Persian ... pedigrees which make a cat what it is because of many, many generations of selective breeding; a pure pedigree which, at least for the Persian cat, has become harder and harder to find. Nearly a quarter century ago, the CFA Board merged the Himalayan – a hybrid breed – with the Persian, contrary to the wishes of the Persian and the Himalayan breed councils. The colorpoint-carrier offspring of these Himalayans were also accepted into the appropriate Persian color classes. But that is water long ago under the bridge. Meanwhile, the Himalayan division has prospered through its 50+ year history as would be expected, including two Cat of the Year titles in recent years ... yet we are reminded of the initial outcross to Siamese only by the pointed pattern it provided. Are Himalayan pedigrees “pure” at this point? Many would argue yes, with no shorthair individuals through many, many generations. That may be the crux of the matter here – how many generations are we willing to accept as “pure?” The 8-generation pedigree was good enough in the minds of those of us who have voted in its favor three times.

We breeders who strive for pure pedigrees have been told that we can choose not to breed to cats which carry genes we don’t wish to incorporate in our lines and that these cats are easily identified by registration prefix. However, that ability to choose well is becoming more and more difficult. Of the 2005 registration totals for Persian (nearly 17,000 cats) roughly one-third are Himalayan, nearly one-third are CPC, and the balance pure Persian. If the Exotic Longhair is now given Championship status, then surely that choice for purity will decline even more. Yet CPC’s do not make up nearly 1/3 of the Persians being shown ... in fact, relatively few are shown given the numbers registered. Looking through large show catalogs such as National Capital and the two most recent International Shows lets you see that just because CPC’s are eligible to be shown they do not always show up in great numbers with the exception of the Silver/Golden Division, which quite often has at least 50% of entries with a CPC registration prefix. It would seem that most CPC’s are the product of irresponsible “kitten-mill” breeding destined for a pet market. “CFA-Registered Persian” does mean something in advertising ... and CFA gets the registration revenue it desperately needs, though from an undesirable source.

It has been pointed out that the Persian Breed Council has voted three times (by slight majority) in the early 1990’s to accept the Exotic as a division of the Persian breed. On this year’s ballots, that was not an option – a Persian cat is, by definition, a longhair cat – just as a Siamese is a shorthair cat with no longhair division. This year’s ballot again supports the initial question of acceptance by a narrow majority; however, the options of just HOW those Exotic longhairs would be shown were voted against by similar majority numbers. There is a slight sympathetic lean of the Persian Breed Council in favor Exotic longhairs being shown as the initial question indicates, certainly aided by nearly all of the 31 members of the Exotic Breed Council who also belong to the Persian Breed Council. But then, ask the Persian Breed Council just how they want those cats to be shown and they vote against the available options. “OK – we want you to be able to show your cats ... just not in our breed!” That is the only way to interpret the results of the Persian ballot. The truth is, Exotic breeders are breeding for shorthair cats, not for longhair cats. As quoted in her exceptional and comprehensive 1985 CFA Yearbook article on Exotic Shorthairs, Johanna Leibfarth writes: “It seems to me that the people who want to

show the longhairs, want to have their cake and eat it too! The Longhair Exotic is an unfortunate by-product of a breeding program.” Exotic breeders have yet to be able to maintain the dense, plush, soft coat described in the Exotic standard without the use of long-haired cats whether Persian or Exotic longhair. At the time, Johanna mentioned the Exotic longhairs being of generally inferior quality to use in an Exotic program, and that Persians were a more ideal outcross – with this no longer the case as is now argued by Exotic breeders, perhaps the time will soon come to end the ability to outcross to the Persian? The same situation could be said of Manx and Scottish Folds (to which Johanna also refers in her article), where tailed or straight-eared versions of these breeds are necessary to the vitality of future generations. Yet we have no movement from those breed councils to make way for their currently non-showable cats to gain Championship status. While we respect Johanna’s and other Exotic breeders’ change of opinion over the years, we ask for the same respect in choosing to keep ours as it has always been.

What is a breed? A CFA policy, we know But why bother having separate breeds at all if anything can be shown? If all it has to do is look enough like another breed whether it is a product of that breed or not? This is a plea from the heart ... the heart of a breeder who has had the good fortune of admiring as well as showing some wonderful Persians over 40 years of history with CFA, representing like-minded Persian breeders who have given their majority opinion that Exotic Longhairs do not belong in Persian classes. Their acceptance would not necessarily be the silver bullet CFA is seeking to increase registration revenues – these are cats which are already registerable and can earn DM titles while contributing to the future of their own Exotic breed. Any addition to CFA’s bottom line from large numbers of these cats as show entries is conjecture, and history has proven with other breeds that their acceptance does not guarantee larger registration and show revenues based on hopes that the International Division(s) will jump right in with these “new” cats and show them widely. Remember the example of the CPC’s and numbers of those registered ... but where are they in the show halls? We must understand that the economy of our country is playing a larger part in CFA’s declining numbers than many may realize. It is true that we can encourage revenue-building through other avenues which will attract new fanciers, but the notion of, “If it’s born, it can be shown” does not seem to be the overall solution.

What we ask is very simple: Please extend the Persian Breed Council the courtesy of acknowledging its votes to prevent the Exotic Longhairs from being registered and/or shown as Persians. The issue is critical to both sides, and emotions have run high. Please help us protect one of CFA’s oldest and most revered breeds and maintain its integrity for the generations to come, both human and feline.

*Respectfully,
Susan Cook Henry
CFA Persian Breed Council Secretary, 2004-2006*

Cook-Henry: Persians are still rebounding from the devastating losses of the early unreliable PKD testing. We all agree the Persian cat was hit very hard. Breeders are embracing the new, reliable test and are selective about the cats they keep. They are trying very hard to breed away from PKD, but you don't rebuild a breed overnight. I certainly respect Johanna Leibfarth, the people on the Exotic breed council, and my fellow Persian breed council members, as well. There is no doubt it has been a very tough go for all of us but we tried to keep it respectful. We leave it in your hands. Thank you very much.

Miller: I was surprised to see the small number of Persian breeders that voted on this issue or even belong to the breed council. If they feel passionate about their breed and want to protect their breed, where are they? **Angell:** The Persian breed has been slapped down year after year. We have been denied an 8-generation pedigree three times. People are giving up and not taking part. **Barnaby:** [through the chair to Leibfarth] You do not want the Exotic longhairs shown with the Exotics; you want them shown with Persians. Why don't you want them shown as Exotics? **Leibfarth:** Genetically, the longhair Exotic is a Persian. Several CFA breeds have longhair and shorthair divisions, but in none of those breeds does their longhair division resemble any other breed except their own. The longhair Exotic is identical to a Persian genetically and in appearance, and therefore they can't be a separate breed. **Miller:** The impression I have from the Exotic information is that Exotics are Persians, not look-alikes or mimics. The Persian argument is that the genetics of the breed are partially the look of the breed. The personality and distinction of the breed also has to do with its history. We are talking about one of our most historic breeds. It seems the goal of the Exotic side is for the Exotics to be Persians, but that is not on the questionnaire. The Persian breed may come to the point where they want the Exotics to be part of their breed. I would like to know your reactions to that direction. **Leibfarth:** It's true that I consider shorthair Exotics to be Persians. **Miller:** We all call them "the lazy man's Persian". **Leibfarth:** Right, you always call it a Persian. For 40 years, we have deliberately bred towards the Persian standard to create a Persian cat. **Miller:** The issues of purity, the essence of the breed and genetics are not just about appearance. It's also personality. Some people have questioned whether the Exotic personality is the same as the Persian. **Leibfarth:** Exotic personality is exactly the same. **Cook-Henry:** Friends who have Exotics tell me the personality is quite different, that Exotics exhibit attributes of a shorthair breed. They have told us that an Exotic longhair will exhibit different personality traits. I have a hard time seeing a longhair cat born of two shorthair cats being in my division. A Persian cat is a longhair cat by definition.

Angell: The thing that has made CFA so great for so many years is the integrity of our breeds. I can't see hitting the "mother breed" one more time, when it has graciously given of its cats to allow people to establish other breeds. Now that we have DNA testing, there won't be any more paper hanging or dishonesty, but please don't invade the "mother breed" again. **L. Watson:** Once this DNA test comes, will it show whether the cat produces only longhairs? You are going to relegate these cats to a non-showable status, even though their DNA is the same. **DelaBar:** We are working towards a DNA registry. Other species have a database; when they register an animal, they have its number, its microchip, its DNA profile. It will be identified by DNA. We won't have to go by emotion or by genetic theory, because we will have DNA proof.

Wilson: [through the chair to Leibfarth] In your statement, you said of Exotic breeders, “none of us who breed Exotics wants to produce longhairs”. So, the goal of breeding Exotics is to breed a shorthair cat. Every breed should focus on their goal and not be so quick to want to put anything they produce in the show ring. You want to show the longhair Exotics as Persians and invade the “mother breed”. It’s hard for me to look at your stated goal and also justify this other thing you want to do. **Leibfarth:** We will always need to go to longhair Persians in order to maintain the coat of our cats. Whether we want to or not, we will always produce longhairs. Even though it’s not our goal, we cannot get away from it. **Baugh:** Legislation and economy have made it more difficult, so people cannot keep the number of animals they have had in the past. I remember when the bi-color Persian was not acceptable because it had shorthair behind it. They were recognized over opposition. It was going to be the end of the Persian. The bi-color class is now our largest class of Persians and probably one of our most lovely. The same thing happened with the Himi. I can’t see the difference (between that situation and this one). We are denying these cats room on the show bench when they definitely are Persians.

Eigenhauser: [through the chair to Cook-Henry] Everyone that looks at the Persian ballot has a different opinion as to what the ballot actually means. The response to the initial question (Should longhair Exotics be shown?) is yes, but of the three different ways to implement it we get all no’s. What would be the preferred choice among your breed council between Proposal #2 (allow Exotic longhairs to be registered as Persians and shown as Persians), or Proposal #3 (have them registered as Exotics but shown as Persians)? **Cook-Henry:** Absolutely not Proposal #2. I cannot say that they are willing to accept Proposal #3. **Johnson:** The two questions that should have been on the ballot and emphasized are, “I’m a Persian, I want to show as a Persian”; or, if that’s not acceptable, looking at a longhair division of Exotics. If it’s really about showing them, those are two things that we don’t have a chance to talk about. They should have asked to be a division of the Persian. **Newkirk:** Some of the ballot items on here are a bit mis-directional. A majority of the people said yes, so there should be a place for championship competition for the longhair Exotic in the Persian breed. It’s not uncommon to see 25 Exotics in a class in Europe. At the Asia Divisional Awards show, in championship alone, there were 76 Exotics. International Division exhibitors want a place to show their longhair Exotics. On behalf of the Exotic breeders in the International Division, I ask you to find a way that our longhair Exotics could compete for titles. **Eigenhauser:** There are different theories as to why the Persian breed has been in such a precipitous decline over the last 15 years. Exotics have increased in registration every single year but one. The Persian breed council has worked so successfully to keep people out, that they are now victims of their own success. They are still talking about purity like it’s an end in itself. Purity is like being thin; it’s good to a point. Health, vitality and, in the show ring, it’s type, not purity. We have two options left on the ballot that are not out of order. The Persian breed council has said it’s OK to show them. Proposal #2 says, register them as Persians. The Persian breed council has already said, we are very concerned about the purity of our breed. Proposal #3 says, put Exotic on their registration papers but show them as Persians. This results in no damage to the integrity of the purity of the breeding stock of the Persian breed, so when we’re talking about these, let’s not talk about them like they are both the same resolution. One resolution has to do with the registration policy of cats. That is a purity issue. The other is simply a show rule. It has nothing to do with breeding, with purity, or with people not knowing what a 7000 series means. Proposal #3 seems to be the one where you can have your cake and eat it too. Exotics can be shown but they’re not registered as Persians,

they're not bred as Persians, it doesn't say Persian on the registration slip, there's no harm to the purity of the Persian breed. **Shaffer:** The breed standards are basically the same except for coat length. I wholeheartedly support registering as Exotics and showing as Persians. If the Persians and Exotics want to merge in the future, they could, but this gives us the opportunity to see these cats in the show ring and give them the titles that they so rightly deserve without affecting the purity of the Persian. **Calhoun:** [disagreeing] The next likely step, then, for the American Wirehair is to show straight coated cats as American Shorthairs, so long as you label them on the pedigree.

Jacobberger: A breed standard change requires 60%. **Newkirk:** A show rule change or a registration rule change has to have the majority of the board. **DelaBar:** To piece this together for board voting. #2 on the Exotic ballot (register and exhibit as Persians) corresponds with #2 on the Persian ballot. It has always been my opinion that when you use a parent breed for an outcross, you don't want to keep putting the results back into the parent breed. Mother Nature tries very hard to push everything to the middle. We as breeders try to breed towards the extremes. I have never been in favor of the 8-generation pedigree because when it comes down to a significant difference between the 6 and 8-generation pedigrees, it's virtually none. I didn't want that because I've always pushed for a DNA registry and I still feel that this is where we should be pushing – answering questions scientifically rather than emotionally. If we have longhair Exotics on the show bench, and when they go under a 7000 number, I want us to have a very dramatic education program of our new and established breeders, so they understand what they are doing. The unique identifier is absolutely mandatory.

EXOTIC BALLOT:

PERSIAN BALLOT:

SECTION I:

SECTION II:

The FIRST three questions are Informational Only AND #4 requires a Breed Standard change with a 60% favorable vote from both the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils in order to pass.

The first question, option 2 and option 3 are "Informational Only" to the CFA Board. Option 4 requires a Breed Standard change with a 60% favorable vote from both the Exotic and Persian Breed Councils in order to pass.

1. Should Exotic Longhairs be eligible for Championship status?

1. Should Exotic Longhairs be eligible for Championship status?

DISCUSSION: Exotic Longhairs are genetically longhair cats and the longhair gene is recessive. Therefore, when an Exotic Longhair is bred to a longhair (of any breed), shorthair kittens are not genetically possible.

Discussion: Exotic Longhairs are genetically longhair cats and the longhair gene is recessive. Theoretically, therefore, when an Exotic Longhair is bred to a longhair (of any breed), shorthair kittens are not genetically possible.

YES: 69

NO: 5

YES: 95

NO: 83

BOARD ACTION: Out of Order.

EXOTIC BALLOT:

2. Should Exotic Longhairs be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Persians? Exotic Longhairs would be exhibited using the appropriate Persian color class numbers and registered as Persians using Exotic identifying markers (such as 7XXXL). Note: Those cats occurring in Persian Non-Championship colors would be registered and exhibited as AOV Persians and would be registered with an appropriate Exotic identifying marker. (This proposal would require a change to existing Rules of Registration by the CFA Board.)

RATIONALE: The Persian Breed currently includes cats with one or more shorthairs in their background (Himalayan Persians including CPC's, and some Bicolors, for example). This proposal would require a registration policy consistent with the one currently used for the Color Point Carrier Persians whereby a specific identifying registration prefix is assigned to all Exotic Longhairs and their offspring in perpetuity. If this proposal passes, any longhair offspring from an Exotic x Exotic or Exotic x Persian breeding would be registered as

PERSIAN BALLOT:

The following are the three options being considered by the Exotic Breed Council. The Persian is the “affected breed” and as such, the members of the Persian Breed Council are able to offer their opinions for consideration by the CFA Board of Directors. Please read each proposed option and rationale carefully and VOTE on AND ALSO RANK your choices of the following three options in order of preference. Even if you voted “NO” on the above question (1), the Board may vote to accept Exotic Longhairs, so you are asked VOTE on AS WELL AS RANK the following three options to give the Board input on your preferred way of them being shown

2. Exotic Longhairs would be REGISTERED AND EXHIBITED as Persians. Exotic Longhairs would be exhibited using the appropriate Persian color class numbers and registered as Persians using Exotic identifying markers (such as 7XXXL). Note: Those cats occurring in Persian Non-Championship colors would be registered and exhibited as AOV Persians and would be registered with an appropriate Exotic identifying marker. (This proposal would require a change to existing Rules of Registration by the CFA Board.)

RATIONALE: This proposal would require a registration policy consistent with the one currently used for the Color Point Carrier Persians whereby a specific identifying registration prefix is assigned to all Exotic Longhairs and their offspring in perpetuity. If this proposal passes, any longhair offspring from an Exotic x Exotic or Exotic x Persian breeding would be registered as Persian, while any shorthair offspring would be registered as Exotic. Note: It is recommended that ALL offspring be registered with Exotic prefixes; the addition of “L” would indicate

Persian, while any shorthair offspring would be registered as Exotic. Note: It is recommended that ALL offspring be registered with Exotic prefixes; the addition of “L” would indicate Persian (longhair). In other Associations around the world, these longhair offspring are currently registered as Persian with no identifying marker.

YES: 67

NO: 6

Persian (longhair). In other Associations around the world, these longhair offspring are currently registered as Persian with no identifying marker.

YES: 83

NO: 94

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Shaffer voting yes.

EXOTIC BALLOT:

3. Should Exotic Longhairs (occurring in recognized Championship colors of Persians) be registered as Exotic Longhairs, be eligible for Championship status AND EXHIBITED as Persians? These Exotic Longhairs would be registered using the appropriate Exotic color class numbers with identifying markers (such as 7XXXL). Note: Those cats occurring in Persian Non-Championship colors would be EXHIBITED as AOV Persians and registered with an appropriate Exotic identifying marker. (This proposal will require a change to existing Show Rules by the CFA Board.)

RATIONALE: If this proposal passes, any longhair offspring from an Exotic x Exotic or Exotic x Persian breeding would be REGISTERED as Exotic Longhair and EXHIBITED as Persian, while any shorthair offspring would be registered and exhibited as Exotic. Note: Those cats occurring in Persian Non-Championship colors would be exhibited as AOV Persians and would be registered with an appropriate Exotic identifying marker.

PERSIAN BALLOT:

3. Exotic Longhairs (occurring in recognized Championship colors of Persians) would be REGISTERED as Exotic Longhairs, be eligible for Championship status BUT EXHIBITED as Persians. These Exotic Longhairs and their offspring would be registered in perpetuity using the appropriate Exotic color class numbers with identifying markers (such as 7XXXL). Note: Those cats occurring in Persian Non-Championship colors would be EXHIBITED as AOV Persians and registered with an appropriate Exotic identifying marker. (This proposal will require a change to existing Show Rules by the CFA Board.)

RATIONALE: If this proposal passes, any longhair offspring from an Exotic x Exotic or Exotic x Persian breeding would be REGISTERED as Exotic Longhair BUT EXHIBITED as Persian, while any shorthair offspring would be registered and exhibited as Exotic. Note: Those cats occurring in Persian Non-Championship colors would be exhibited as AOV Persians and would be registered with an appropriate Exotic identifying marker.

YES: 82

NO: 95

YES: 68

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Newkirk, Eigenhauser, Janosik, Watson, Shaffer, Cummings, Baugh and Anger voting yes.

EXOTIC BALLOT:

(The following question is a Breed Standard Change and passing requires a 60% favorable vote from both the Exotic and Persian Breed Council members voting.)

4. Should the Exotic breed be divided into Longhair and Shorthair Divisions? Longhair Exotics would be registered in the appropriate Exotic color class and be identified by specific registration prefix numbers/letters as Exotic Longhairs (example: 7XXXL prefix numbers, the addition of “L” would indicate “Longhair”). This would create LH/SH Divisions of Exotics.

PROPOSED: Create LH/SH Divisions of Exotic. Delete “plush” from the GENERAL DESCRIPTION and provide COAT descriptions for both Shorthair and Longhair Divisions. Delete any AOV reference to longhair.

Current: GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick plush coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

Proposed: GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet

PERSIAN BALLOT:

(The following question is a Breed Standard Change and requires a 60% favorable vote from BOTH the Exotic and Persian Breed Council members voting. Our breed council's opinion on the coat descriptions following is also part of the question as it appears on the Exotic ballot and is to be voted on in its entirety.)

4. Divide the Exotic breed into Longhair and Shorthair Divisions. Exotic Longhairs would be registered in the appropriate Exotic color class and be identified by 7XXXL prefix numbers, the addition of “L” would indicate “Longhair.”

PROPOSED: Create a LH/SH Division of Exotic. Delete “plush” from the GENERAL DESCRIPTION and add COAT descriptions for both Shorthair and Longhair Divisions. Delete any AOV reference to longhair.

Current: GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet expression and soft round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick plush coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

Proposed: GENERAL: the ideal Exotic should present an impression of a heavily boned, well balanced cat with a sweet

expression and soft round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick ~~plush~~ coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

AND

Current: COAT: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. Cats with a ruff or tail-feathers (long hair on the tail) shall be transferred to the AOV class.

Proposed: COAT (SHORTHAIR): dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. ~~Cats with a ruff or tail-feathers (long hair on the tail) shall be transferred to the AOV class.~~

COAT (LONGHAIR): long and thick, standing off from the body. Of fine texture, glossy and full of life. Long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear and toe tufts long. Brush very full.

RATIONALE: Exotics can and do produce both longhair and shorthair varieties. Our longhair offspring are just as exquisite as our shorthair varieties which are already exhibited around the world today as Persians. If this proposal is passed, “look-alikes” will be exhibited in both the Exotic & Persian breeds.

YES: 9

NO: 62

BOARD ACTION: No action.

expression and soft round lines. The large, round eyes set wide apart in a large round head contribute to the overall look and expression. The thick ~~plush~~ coat softens the lines of the cat and accentuates the roundness in appearance.

AND

Current: COAT: dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. Cats with a ruff or tail-feathers (long hair on the tail) shall be transferred to the AOV class.

Proposed: COAT (SHORTHAIR): dense, plush, soft and full of life. Standing out from the body due to a rich, thick undercoat. Medium in length. Acceptable length depends on proper undercoat. ~~Cats with a ruff or tail-feathers (long hair on the tail) shall be transferred to the AOV class.~~

COAT (LONGHAIR): long and thick, standing off from the body. Of fine texture, glossy and full of life. Long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff immense and continuing in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear and toe tufts long. Brush very full.

YES: 59

NO: 116

EXOTIC BALLOT:

Regarding 2, 3, and 4 above, please list your preference in order:

	#2	#3	#4
First choice	<u>58</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>
Second choice:	<u>8</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>1</u>
Third choice:	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>19</u>

(Please note that identifying registration prefixes/letters to denote Exotic Longhairs are offered as suggestions only, as the Board would ultimately decide and work with the Central Office in accommodating these or any other possible identifiers in the future.)

PERSIAN BALLOT:

Regardless of whether you voted YES or NO on items #1 through #4, please rank #2, #3 and #4 in order of preference:

	#2	#3	#4
First choice:	<u>55</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>78</u>
Second choice:	<u>37</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>12</u>
Third choice:	<u>67</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>47</u>

(Please note that identifying registration prefixes/letters to denote Exotic Longhairs are offered as suggestions only, as the Board would ultimately decide and work with the Central Office in accommodating these or any other possible identifiers in the future.)

BOARD ACTION: No action.

EXOTIC

Breed Council Secretary: Becky Orlando

Total Members: 77

Ballots Received: 74

60% of Voting: 45

SECTION II:

- 5. PROPOSED: Add the following statement directly after the Point Score section in the Exotic Standard.

Proposed: Balance and refinement are the essence of the breed, where all parts come together in a harmonious whole, with neither too much nor too little consideration given to any one feature.

RATIONALE: Although there are points allotted to Balance and Refinement in the Exotic standard, there are currently no definitions of these terms included. This addition mirrors the change made to the Persian standard to define identical terminology.

YES: 67

NO: 4

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

SECTION III:

6. PROPOSED: Revise the color descriptions for Calico in all its various color expressions.

Proposed: CALICO: ~~white with unbrindled patches of black and red. a tri-color cat of black, red and white. The red and the black should appear as clear, unbrindled patches.~~ As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.~~ Eye color: Brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed, ~~with noted exception.~~ Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: DILUTE CALICO: ~~white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. a tri-color cat of blue, cream and white. The cream and the blue should appear as clear, unbrindled patches.~~ As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.~~ Eye color: Brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: CHOCOLATE CALICO: ~~white with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red. a tri-color cat of chocolate, red and white. The red and the chocolate should appear as clear, unbrindled patches.~~ As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.~~ Nose leather and paw pads: ~~brown, brick red, and/or pink.~~ Eye color: Brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: LILAC CALICO: ~~white with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream. a tri-color cat of lilac, cream and white. The cream and the lilac should appear as clear, unbrindled patches.~~ As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.~~ Nose leather and paw pads: ~~pink.~~ Eye color: Brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: CALICO SMOKE: ~~white with unbrindled patches of black and red. a tri-color cat of black, red and white. The black and the red should appear as clear, unbrindled patches with~~ ~~The black and red patches have~~ a white undercoat. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.~~ Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: DILUTE CALICO SMOKE: ~~white with unbrindled patches of black and red. a tri-color cat of blue, cream and white. The blue and the cream should appear as clear, unbrindled patches with~~ ~~The black and red patches have~~ a white undercoat. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.~~ Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: CHOCOLATE CALICO SMOKE: ~~white with unbrindled patches of chocolate and red. a tri-color cat of chocolate, red and white. The black and the red should appear as clear, unbrindled patches with~~ The black and red patches have a white undercoat. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable. Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: LILAC CALICO SMOKE: ~~white with unbrindled patches of lilac and cream. a tri-color cat of lilac, cream and white. The lilac and the cream should appear as clear, unbrindled patches with~~ The black and red patches have a white undercoat. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable. Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

RATIONALE: Exhibitors complain that current wording in the referenced Standard indicates that the cat should have more than 50% white, which is in conflict with the current preferred minimum. By saying that it is a “white (cat) WITH” the various colors, should then be replaced by (color) AND (color). These changes in the Calico color descriptions mirror the changes previously made to the Persian standard.

YES: 67

NO: 4

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

7. PROPOSED: Revise the color descriptions for bi-color to remove the statement “Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable” and other minor changes as follows:

Proposed: BI-COLOR: black and white, blue and white, red and white, cream and white, chocolate and white, or lilac and white. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.~~ Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: SMOKE AND WHITE: white with colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established smoke color standards. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable.~~ Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: SHADED AND WHITE: white with colored portions, the colored portions of the cat to conform to the currently established shaded and shell color standards. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest, and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face~~

~~desirable~~. Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: RED TABBY & WHITE: (classic, mackerel and spotted): white with colored portions, the colored portions to have red ground color with markings deep, rich red. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable~~. Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: BROWN TABBY & WHITE: (classic, mackerel and spotted): white with colored portions, the colored portions to have a brilliant coppery ground color with markings dense black. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable~~. Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: PATCHED TABBY & WHITE: (classic, mackerel and spotted): white with colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established patched tabby color standards. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable~~. Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed, with noted exception. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth. NOTE: silver patched tabby and white and blue silver patched tabby and white eye color: green, hazel or brilliant copper. These colors in odd-eyed shall have one blue and one green, hazel or brilliant copper eye with equal color depth.

Proposed: OTHER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel and spotted): white with colored portions, the colored portions to conform to the currently established classic, mackerel and spotted tabby color standards, with the exception of red, brown or patched. As a preferred minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. Less white than this minimum should be penalized proportionately. ~~Inverted “V” blaze on face desirable~~. Eye color: brilliant copper, blue or odd-eyed, with noted exception. Odd-eyed bi-colors shall have one blue and one copper eye with equal color depth. NOTE: silver tabby and white and blue silver tabby and white eye color: green, hazel or brilliant copper. These colors in odd-eyed shall have one blue and one green, hazel or brilliant copper eye with equal color depth.

RATIONALE: The standard and the breeding practices of today’s bi-color and calico Exotic breeders have moved away from the strict pattern description to allow for all manner of attractive markings. The standard calls for white on the muzzle as a preferred minimum, so that all facial markings up to and including an entirely white face would be allowed. These changes in the Calico color descriptions mirror the changes previously made to the Persian standard.

YES: 66

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

SECTION IV:

The following is an Advisory Item request made by the Selkirk Rex Breed Council.

8. The Selkirk Rex breed is asking for an outcross extension at this time of 5 years, which would extend the cutoff until 2015. Our breed has had very little growth in cats and breeders. We ask all breed council members to vote for this advisory item at this time. We have not created shorthair curly Exotic Shorthairs as feared when we initially asked for the outcross. Most breeders have worked towards creating a unique look that meets our standard, and we do discourage new breeders from emulating the extreme Exotic Shorthair look. Please support our request.

Are you in favor of extending the ability of Selkirk Rex breeders to outcross to Exotics to 2015?

YES: 55

NO: 17

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

Shaffer moved to revisit the classification of the Persian as a natural breed.

Jacobberger: This should be pre-noticed. It shouldn't be up to the board. **Wilson:** Would you reclassify it as a hybrid? **DelaBar:** *A natural breed is both parents and all ancestors must be of the breed of the cat to be registered. An established breed is the result of the mating of two or more specified breeds that may be continued by breeding between the specimens of the particular established breed. Both parent cats must be the specimens of the established breed, and the pedigree may only show specimens of the established breed and/or breeds used to produce the established breed.* **Shaffer:** In the case of the Himalayans, we all know that the Siamese and the Persian were the two breeds used to create a Himalayan. In the case of bi-color

Persians, Brits, as well as unknowns, were used to create them. **Angell:** You are using speculation. You're not using proof that the bi-colors were actually caused by breeding to alley cats. The Persian breed has been a natural breed as far as the 1600's and you want to change that at this point? The Himalayans were taken into the Persian breed because they wanted to be a Persian. **Wilson:** The fact that the Persian breed doesn't allow any outcrosses maintains the idea that it's a natural breed. **Johnson:** The Himalayans and the bi-colors were not introduced into the Persians this week. We need to pre-notice this and bring it back to the board as an agenda item.

DelaBar called the motion (to revisit the classification of Persian). **Motion Failed.** Eigenhauser, L. Watson, Shaffer and Anger voting yes.

BALINESE, COLORPOINT, JAVANESE AND ORIENTAL SHORTHAIR

Julie Keyer addressed the proposal to allow longhair pointed Orientals in the Bali and Javi colors to be transferred or re-registered as Balinese or Javanese, which are currently allowed as outcrosses to these breeds; so few of which are being shown that it has become difficult to promote the breeds. Oriental registration is at an all-time low because many Oriental breeders are not registering litters if they don't plan to show or keep something from the litter. Perhaps there is a potential to register these pointed cats. **Baugh:** The same question appears on the Colorpoint ballot and they said no. We can't do it for the longhairs and not the shorthairs. **Eigenhauser:** If the Colorpoint breeders want to maintain their purity separately, it's their decision to make. Here, we have an offshoot breed and a parent breed that already outcross to each other. There is no purity issue here. They are simply eliminating a step. That is the distinction on why we would do it for the longhairs and not the shorthairs. In this case, we have the Balinese, the Oriental and the Javanese that all say this is good for their breed, and I don't see an objection if both breeds are happy. **Wilson:** Has there been any thought to restructuring the existing Oriental breed to allow for a pointed division? That would make more sense than disenfranchising existing breeds. I could support that. I'm having a tough time with this because you're registering 5 breeds out of one litter. **Newkirk:** You're suggesting making them a group and have divisions within that group? **Wilson:** Right. **Keyer:** The breeds have worked hard to develop breed identity, but this allows us a compromise with two other breeds who want this without losing their individual breed identity and their breed council. **Wilson:** But they are exactly losing their breed identity. **Kusy:** Not only could 5 different breeds be registered from one litter (Longhair Orientals, Shorthair Orientals, Balinese, Javanese and Colorpoint), but you could breed a longhair Oriental and a shorthair Oriental, get a longhaired seal point, which would then be shown as a Balinese, so that cat will be shown as a breed that neither parent is. We're re-determining what that breed is. It's illogical. **Eigenhauser:** In a perfect world, creating a superbreed with divisions would be very logical and very elegant, and would make a lot of sense. However, we have many traditions and independent thought. The Colorpoint people have made it clear in this vote that they don't want to be part of this new superbreed. We are limited to the proposals in front of us. **DelaBar:** When I first read this, I thought it was about health, and it's not. It's about showability.

Marguerite Epstein: Yes, it's about showing, about getting the numbers out there and about getting breed recognition. The Javanese originally wanted to be a division of the Balinese. We're essentially one group and we're asking to show our pointed Javanese, not just use them for an outcross. It allows breeders to keep these AOVs for their program. We show cats to get titles on them, or else there wouldn't be any shows. People who would love to breed Balinese or Javanese see that we produce cats that are unshowable, so they don't want to become one of us. We want to maintain our identity as a Balinese, and the Balinese is the parent breed of the Javanese. We do not want to be a division of the Oriental. We would have no representation for our Balinese and Javanese if we were assimilated into the Oriental breed as a division.

Kris Willison: *In June 1994 the CFA Board voted upon dates and guidelines for the submission of proposed standard changes. These guidelines were not followed in this instance and I received copies of these proposals direct from central office one day before the deadline for final submission. These proposals originated from the Oriental Breed Council, and*

*subsequent clarification was made that these proposals were intended to address ONLY cats ultimately eligible (color/coat length) for championship competition. The only transferable AOVs are the Cinnamon and Fawn series to Javanese, as we are actively working towards championship status for these colors. The Javanese Breed Council voted overwhelmingly in favor of all proposals as submitted. In my opinion, there are insufficient numbers of Pointed Oriental Longhairs being registered to support the request of the Oriental breed council to transfer these cats. Statistics were included in my ballot. Admittedly the Javanese would benefit by the transfer of the few pointed Cinnamon/Fawn series known to be in existence and as every other breeder I groan when pointed kittens occur in my Oriental litters. As regards to the request to transfer seal, blue, chocolate and lilac point Javanese to Balinese, I would like to point out that this proposal is not in alignment with items approved by the Board in recent years with a cutoff date of birth of 12/31/2010 for Balinese outcrossing to pointed Oriental Longhairs and Javanese. That said, according to 2004 and 2005 registration statistics, approximately 20% of the Javanese registered are "Bali" colored, although we have no way of knowing how many are actually longhair. However, if a transfer proposal were to truly benefit the Balinese and address the ongoing concerns of those working to increase the numbers registered and shown, it would include *all* seal, blue, chocolate & lilac point Javanese, with a cutoff date of birth in alignment with all other outcrossing. **Wilson:** The Oriental and Balinese ballots were received the day before they were due. Since they hadn't been pre-noticed to the Javanese and Colorpoint breed council secretary, I gave them a two-week extension to put them on their ballot.*

BALINESE

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Marguerite Epstein

Total Members: 32

Ballots Received: 28

60% of Voting: 17

Increasing numbers of Oriental Longhair, Balinese, and Javanese breeders have moved to other breeds or associations due to the high number of AOVs in many programs. The following proposals provide a new path for growth in CFA within these breeds both in the United States and the rest of the world. These proposals will increase the number of registerable and showable cats.

With the increased number of animal rights laws going into effect every week, it is harder and more demanding on our breeders to keep our numbers down and share our bloodlines, especially in remote areas. It is a logical step to give these breeds, which are similar in most aspects, the ability to cross-register and thus keep less cats in any breeding household while at the same time maintaining a healthy gene pool. These proposals also follow registration policies that currently exist in other associations around the world.

The following is a paragraph added as a note in the EXISTING registration rules for BALINESE:

Per THD (3/04) – For BREED: BALINESE:

“For the purposes of genetics, Balinese is a longhair. When bred to a longhair (any breed), shorthair kittens are not possible.

If both parents are Siamese and one or more kittens in the litter is a longhair, the litter should be registered as Siamese and the longhair kittens registered as Balinese.”

Therefore a cross-registration policy already exists in CFA and is truly not a new concept, although not a well-known one.

The cross-registration policy is basically to register, show and possibly breed a cat as what it looks like. This type of policy leaves intact the individual breeds (Oriental, Balinese, Javanese) as well as their breed identities and their individual Breed Councils. In no way is it a merge of any breed to become part of any other breed, but instead it gives new avenues whereby the breeders themselves will have more opportunities to register the progeny of any given litter.

Allowing these cats to be cross-registered would be allowing additional outcrosses for each of the “affected” breeds, and would encourage new breeders as well as existing breeders to continue working with these wonderful cats as well as registering their pointed kittens with CFA.

Note that the ONLY breeds being addressed in any of these proposals are the Oriental, Balinese, and the Javanese. There is no intention of addressing any cross-registration, or exhibiting of the four ‘sacred’ shorthair colors known as Siamese. Nor are there any future plans to do so.

Balinese breeders that wish to maintain “pure” lines that do not include Javanese and Orientals may do so, and these cats and kittens will retain the original Balinese prefix numbers such as 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276 and 1277.

All of these questions are advisory only

Please consider each proposal individually. You may answer each proposal YES or NO.

1. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Balinese with appropriate identifier markers (such as 128#): any Oriental Longhair of the following colors only: seal point, chocolate point, blue point and lilac point. This does not include the shorthaired variants.

YES: 18

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Newkirk, Eigenhauser, Janosik, Watson, Shaffer and Anger voting yes.

2. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Balinese with appropriate identifier markers (such as 128#): any Longhaired Javanese of the following colors only: seal point, chocolate point, blue point and lilac point. This does not include the shorthaired variants.

YES: 20

NO: 4

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Newkirk, Eigenhauser, Janosik, Watson, Shaffer, Anger voting yes.

COLORPOINT SHORTHAIR

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Howard Webster

Total Members: 54

Ballots Received: 48

60% of Voting: 29

CFA RULES OF REGISTRATION

Section 3 – Hybrids:

Colorpoint Shorthair: Colorpoint Shorthair or Siamese. ~~Kittens born on or after January 1, 2019 may have only Colorpoint Shorthair parents.~~

1. PROPOSED: Strike outcross deadline.

RATIONALE: At this time, the Colorpoint SH is the only breed of Siamese body type with an outcross deadline. While the date is still more than a decade in the future, there is no reason to wait before striking it. The Colorpoint had no outcross deadline (for Siamese) prior to the late 1990s when the WIAB discussions were started. Initially it was proposed that all breeds still outcrossing would need to declare a deadline. The Colorpoint Breed Council was the only one that acted without waiting to see the outcome of these discussions. The Colorpoint breed is unique to CFA, with all other registries grouping the Colorpoint colors with the Siamese – no restriction on breedings between the two groups of colors. In order to remain competitive not only in CFA, but with cats of similar colors around the world, the Colorpoint must have continued access to the Siamese gene pool.

YES: 42

NO: 6

Wilson: This is a registration rule, not a standard change. **Cummings:** This breed has been around since the 60's. If they haven't set their type by now, they are in trouble. They have made it plain that they don't want to work with the other Oriental type cats. **Kusy:** We only want to work with the Siamese. **Eigenhauser:** Although technically this is not a standard change, it would be customary to include this on the Siamese ballot as well, because it affects them, so it's out of order.

BOARD ACTION: Out of order.

2. Due to this question being included on the Oriental ballot this year, the CPSH BC has been asked to add it to our ballot this year. This is advisory only. Rules of registration, the WIAB and the CPSH breed standard would have to be changed to allow this.

In 2000, the CFA Board gave certain Oriental breeders the opportunity to transfer their pointed cats to the CPSH breed, using the 52## prefix for cats without silver in the last five generations and 53## for cats with silver within the last five generations. This transfer agreement was to be time-limited to one year, but was extended for an extra year to allow our International breeders the chance to do so. The deadline at that time for re-registering pointed Orientals was 5/1/02. The Oriental BC is now asking for unlimited re-registration of their cats that mimic the CPSH colors.

PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Colorpoint Shorthairs with appropriate identifier markers (such as 52##, with additional identifier to denote silver within the last 5 generations, i.e. 53##): any Oriental Shorthair, 2300-2499 prefix only, of the following colors: red point, cream point, seal lynx point, chocolate lynx point, blue lynx point, lilac lynx point, red lynx point, cream lynx point, seal-tortie lynx point, chocolate tortie lynx point, blue-cream lynx point, lilac cream lynx point, seal-tortie point, chocolate-tortie point, blue-cream point, lilac-cream point.

Any cats with prohibited colors as stated in the Rules of Registration (i.e., 53## cats) are NOT eligible for championship competition.

YES: 18

NO: 30

BOARD ACTION: No action.

JAVANESE

Breed Council Secretary: Kris Willison

Total Members: 29

Ballots Received: 25

60% of Voting: 15

The following questions were received from CFA Central Office as a result of submissions by other breed councils and are advisory only. You are strongly encouraged to carefully read the details included in the rationale before voting on these proposals.

1. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Balinese with appropriate identifier markers (such as 128#): any Oriental Longhair of the following colors only: seal point, chocolate point, blue point and lilac point.

YES: 18

NO: 7

Newkirk: The first two are out of order since we didn't pass the Balinese proposals.

BOARD ACTION: Out of order

2. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Balinese with appropriate identifier markers (such as 128#): any Longhaired Javanese of the following colors only: seal point, chocolate point, blue point and lilac point. This does not include the shorthaired variants.

YES: 18

NO: 7

BOARD ACTION: Out of order.

3. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Javanese with appropriate identifier markers (such as 40##): any Oriental Longhair of any recognized Javanese CHAMPIONSHIP color AND any Oriental Longhair of the following colors as Javanese AOVs: Cinnamon Point, Cinnamon Lynx Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Lynx Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Point, Fawn Point, Fawn Lynx Point, Fawn-Cream Lynx Point, Fawn-Cream Point (all including smoke & silver).

YES: 17

NO: 7

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Newkirk, Eigenhauser, Janosik, Watson, Shaffer voting yes.

4. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Colorpoint Shorthairs with appropriate identifier markers (such as 52##, with additional identifier to denote silver within the last 5 generations, i.e. 53##): any Oriental Shorthair, 2300-2499 prefix only, of the following colors: red point, cream point, seal lynx point, chocolate lynx point, blue lynx point, lilac lynx point, red lynx point, cream lynx point, seal-tortie lynx point, chocolate tortie lynx point, blue-cream lynx point, lilac cream lynx point, seal-tortie point, chocolate-tortie point, blue-cream point, lilac-cream point.

RATIONALE: The Oriental and Balinese Breed Councils have submitted the above proposals affecting the Javanese breed. Once the facts are reviewed it will become clear that these proposals are not about assisting smaller gene pools, but about taking shortcuts to reach the show ring.

When the actual number of cats registered and potentially impacted by these proposals are cited, Oriental breeders counter that they have been boycotting CFA. They claim that rather than transfer cats as part of the 1999 compromise, most were neutered/spayed and placed. It has been further clarified by the Oriental BC Secretary that the purpose of these proposals is simply to increase the number of SHOWABLE cats – that the only AOVs that are to be included are the Cinnamon/Fawn series for the Javanese. Reviewing the most recent registration statistics:

2004 – 854 Orientals registered, the following MIGHT be affected:

6 OLH *might* be transferable to Balinese or Javanese - depending upon color, AOV pointed includes cinnamon/fawn series

6 OLH transferable to Javanese

31 OSH *might* be transferable to CPSH - depending upon ancestry

110 Javanese registered, 22 *might* be transferable to Balinese - depending upon coat length

2005 – 764 Orientals registered, the following MIGHT be affected:

4 OLH *might* be transferable to Balinese or Javanese - depending upon color, AOV pointed includes cinnamon/fawn series

1 OLH transferable to Javanese

28 OSH *might* be transferable to CPSH- depending upon ancestry

109 Javanese registered, 21 *might* be transferable to Balinese - depending upon coat length

Some history:

1999 – Controversy tore at CFA, the Colorpoint and Oriental breed councils at the center of the storm. Since the early 1980s, and contrary to CFA Show Rule 2.04

Each cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered. Each kitten must be entered in the breed under which it is registered or eligible to be registered.

Orientals had been allowed to compete in the Colorpoint classes. The Colorpoint breeders wanted an end, but the Oriental breeders cried foul, that up to 60% of their cats would be disenfranchised. No actual statistics were provided, but it was claimed that the transfer proposal finally accepted would impact as many as 26-30% of the Orientals registered.

From numbers collected by this Breed Council Secretary at that time:

2000 - 1,084 Orientals registered, up to 191 potentially eligible for transfer (18%).

2002 - 1,029 Orientals registered, up to 141 potentially eligible for transfer (14%).

Under the “compromise” finally approved by the CFA Board, any/all pointed Oriental SH would be transferable through 4/30/2002, for a fee of only \$8 – even though CFA CO would be

required to research each pedigree for 5 generations to check for non-qualifying colors (cinnamon, fawn, any silver color, any smoke color, any bi-color) in the ancestry. Such cats would receive a 53## registration identifier - only eligible for AOV competition.

2006 – The Oriental breeders have raised a new alarm!

[ORI Ballot Rationale] Increasing numbers of Oriental Longhair, Balinese, Javanese and Colorpoint Shorthair breeders have moved to other breeds or associations due to the high number of AOVs in many programs. The following proposals provide a new path for growth in CFA within these breeds both in the United States and the rest of the world. These proposals will increase the number of registerable and showable cats.

This is misleading! The cats referenced in these proposals have always been registerable, it is simply a matter of each breeder submitting the correct forms and fees.

Absence from the show ring should not be mistaken for lack of interest. The primary parent breed is Siamese, Bali/Javi breeders outcrossing to SH expect a minimum of 1 generation AOV variants - sometimes it takes years! Using breed council memberships as a gage for interest in a breed or division... from the minutes of the Feb' 1995 Board meeting, 1994 membership totals for the year that the OLH was advanced to championship status as a division of the Oriental breed: Balinese - 34, OLH – 7, OSH – 101. There was not a ballot for the Javanese that year, but a 1996 list indicates 28 members. 2006 membership totals: Balinese – 32, Javanese – 29, Oriental – 112 (at least 19 have shown cats in the LH division and others have started showing LHCs in the SH division). Allowing for the usual fluctuations, it would appear that interest in these breeds is steady and that interest in OLH is increasing.

It is further claimed that breeders are moving to other associations. Both CFA and TICA post show standings - information through August 2006 downloaded from both sites:

TICA Totals, minimum of 1 point per class listed – 74 total Sia/Bali/Ori scored

- 8 Bali/Javi - includes AOV OLH
- 2 OLH
- 42 OSH (includes OLHC)
- 22 Siam/CPSH - includes AOV Bali/Javi/Ori

CFA Totals, maximum of 100 cats/kittens per class listed – over 500 scored

- 7 Balinese
- 13 Javanese
- 13 OLH
- 221 OSH (includes OLHC)
- 39 CPSH
- 231 Siamese

These numbers hardly demonstrate a mass exodus from CFA and the number of AOV Orientals that MIGHT be transferable verses the number that might actually be transferred and shown (compared to the 1999 compromise) is hardly significant.

[ORI Ballot Rationale] The following is a paragraph added as a note in the EXISTING registration rules for BALINESE:

Per THD (3/04) – For BREED: BALINESE:

“For the purposes of genetics, Balinese is a longhair. When bred to a longhair (any breed), shorthair kittens are not possible.

If both parents are Siamese and one or more kittens in the litter is a longhair, the litter should be registered as Siamese and the longhair kittens registered as Balinese.“

Therefore a cross-registration policy already exists in CFA and is truly not a new concept, although not a well-known one.

This is taken out of context and is not part of the PUBLISHED Rules of Registration.

ARTICLE II – REGISTRATION, Section 10 - Genetic Screening

2. Registration requested for a kitten demonstrating a recessive characteristic not accepted within the breed will not be registered based upon the assumption that recessive characteristics demonstrate hybridization other than that permitted for that breed.

ARTICLE III - BREED CLASSIFICATION, Section 4 - Mutations

The natural offspring of a natural breed showing definite characteristics that may be continued by breeding between specimens of the mutation and/or the natural breed from which it originated. A pedigree may show only the breeds listed.

4. Balinese - Balinese or Siamese. (BC Sec note – has not been updated since Feb 2005 approved limited outcrossing to AOV Javi/OLH)

Thus the THD notation is obviously a clarification of the rules. Under genetic screening, a LH “mutation” occurring in a Siamese litter would be deemed unregistrable - in conflict with Article III, Section 4. This cannot be considered a cross-registration policy as at no time are SH Balinese transferable back to the Siamese.

[ORI Ballot Rationale] Allowing these cats to be cross-registered would be allowing additional outcrosses for each of the “affected” breeds and would encourage new breeders as well as existing breeders to continue working with these wonderful cats as well as registering their pointed kittens with CFA.

From the minutes of the Feb 2004 BOD Meeting:

JAVANESE

Total Members: 28

Ballots Received: 22

60% of Voting: 14

4. Proposed that Javanese be allowed to outcross to Pointed 4#### series Orientals (excluding pointed and white) under the following conditions:
 - a. One parent (of litter) must be Javanese. We feel it reasonable to request this restriction as our standard outcrosses: Siamese, Balinese, Colorpoint SH, as well as the Javanese itself are accepted Oriental outcrosses – increasing the possibility of confusion during litter registration. A Javanese parent would confirm the intent of the

breeder to produce a Javanese litter. In any event the offspring of 2 Pointed Orientals would NEVER be registerable as Javanese.

- b. Resulting offspring are to be identified by a separate “breed code” to indicate Oriental ancestry. 40## series has been confirmed available and is suggested for this purpose.
- c. All longhair 40## series Javanese of accepted championship colors will have full show status.
- d. Addition of Oriental LH as an allowable outcross should be noted in the Rules of Registration – Article III, Section 3, Item 4: following Javanese.

**(Certain limited outcrossing is permissible to the Oriental LH. Contact the CFA Central Office for details.)

YES: 16 NO: 4

Note that limited outcrossing to Oriental LH has been approved since 2004 and that 68% of this breed council has already voted that Oriental + Oriental *cannot* be registered as a Javanese! Through the end of 2005, 24 had been registered under this policy - including 1 import. Many have been shown and two have granded.

The Balinese Breed Council voted on a similar outcross proposal (deadline DOB 12/31/2010) that was approved by the CFA Board Feb 2005. Both of these outcross proposals were carefully thought out after observing the difficulties arising from the 1999 “compromise” between the Colorpoints and Orientals. Javanese registrations are up 60% from 2000 and average over 60% of kittens reported, numbers shown have doubled from 2 years ago. Balinese breeders are just beginning their recovery effort.

TO SUMMARIZE:

Maintaining the identity of the Javanese as a viable breed with its own identity should be foremost.

A registration process for the offspring of Oriental x Oriental already exists.

YES: 16 NO: 9

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Janosik, Watson and Anger voting yes.

ORIENTAL

Breed Council Secretary: Julie Keyer

Total Members: 112

Ballots Received: 80

60% of Voting: 48

Increasing numbers of Oriental Longhair, Balinese, Javanese and Colorpoint Shorthair breeders have moved to other breeds or associations due to the high number of AOVs in many programs. The following proposals provide a new path for growth in CFA within these breeds both in the United States and the rest of the world. These proposals will increase the number of registerable and showable cats.

With the increased number of animal rights laws going into effect every week it is harder and more demanding on our breeders to keep our numbers down and share our bloodlines, especially in remote areas. It is a logical step to give these breeds, which are similar in most aspects, the ability to cross-register and thus keep fewer cats in any breeding household while at the same time maintaining a healthy gene pool. These proposals also follow registration policies that currently exist in other associations around the world.

The following is a paragraph added as a note in the EXISTING registration rules for BALINESE:

Per THD (3/04) – For BREED: BALINESE:

“For the purposes of genetics, Balinese is a longhair. When bred to a longhair (any breed), shorthair kittens are not possible.

If both parents are Siamese and one or more kittens in the litter is a longhair, the litter should be registered as Siamese and the longhair kittens registered as Balinese.”

Therefore a cross-registration policy already exists in CFA and is truly not a new concept, although not a well-known one.

The cross-registration policy is basically to register, show and possibly breed a cat as what it looks like. This type of policy leaves intact the individual breeds (Balinese, Javanese, Colorpoint) as well as their breed identities and their individual Breed Councils. In no way is it a merge of any breed to become part of any other breed but instead, it gives new avenues whereby the breeders themselves will have more opportunities to register the progeny of any given litter.

Allowing these cats to be cross-registered would be allowing additional outcrosses for each of the “affected” breeds, and would encourage new breeders as well as existing breeders to continue working with these wonderful cats as well as registering their pointed kittens with CFA.

The cats that would be cross-registered would have identifier markers (special registration prefixes), therefore any breeder choosing to maintain “pure” lines can easily do so.

Note that the ONLY breeds being addressed in any of these proposals are the Oriental, Balinese, Javanese and the Colorpoint Shorthair. There is no intention of addressing any cross-registration, or exhibiting of the four shorthair colors known as Siamese. Nor are there any future plans to do so.

All of these questions are advisory only.

Please consider each proposal individually. You may answer each proposal YES or NO.

1. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Balinese with appropriate identifier markers (such as 128#): any Oriental Longhair of the following colors only: seal point, chocolate point, blue point and lilac point. This does not include the shorthaired variants.

YES: 62

NO: 16

Newkirk: We already voted on these. They're all moot. They're all out of order.

BOARD ACTION: Out of Order

2. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Javanese with appropriate identifier markers (such as 40##): any Oriental Longhair of any recognized Javanese CHAMPIONSHIP color AND any Oriental Longhair of the following colors as Javanese AOVs: Cinnamon Point, Cinnamon Lynx Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Lynx Point, Cinnamon-Tortie Point, Fawn Point, Fawn Lynx Point, Fawn-Cream Lynx Point, Fawn-Cream Point (all including smoke and silver). This does not include the shorthaired variants.

YES: 62

NO: 16

BOARD ACTION: Out of order

3. PROPOSED: That the following cats be REGISTERED and EXHIBITED as Colorpoint Shorthairs with appropriate identifier markers (such as 52##, with additional identifier to denote silver within the last 5 generations, i.e. 53##): any Oriental Shorthair, 2300-2499 prefix only, of the following colors: red point, cream point, seal lynx point, chocolate lynx point, blue lynx point, lilac lynx point, red lynx point, cream lynx point, seal-tortie lynx point, chocolate tortie lynx point, blue-cream lynx point, lilac cream lynx point, seal-tortie point, chocolate-tortie point, blue-cream point, lilac-cream point.

YES: 62

NO: 17

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Janosik, Watson, Shaffer and Anger voting yes.

AMERICAN CURL

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Caroline Scott

Total Members: 14

Ballots Received: 9

60% of Voting: 6

1. Proposed: Extend date for allowable outcross breeds from 1/1/2010 to ~~1/1/2030~~ 1/1/2015, effective immediately. [**Note:** see board amendment to motion below]

Current: American Curl allowable outcross breeds:

Domestic longhair or shorthair for litters born before 1/1/2010

Proposed: American Curl allowable outcross breeds:

Domestic longhair or shorthair for litters born before 1/1/2030

RATIONALE: Using the historical information compiled from Curl breeders world wide, we are able to identify 154 different American Curl catteries. Of those 154, only 23 are still active in breeding and showing Curls. Below are charts showing the breakdown between CFA and other associations, and between those breeding LH or both LH and SH Curls (no one is doing just SH). One can see that in the US, only three breeders are breeding SH Curls, and worldwide only nine are doing so. This says the gene pool for SH Curls will shrink even faster than for the breed overall without a domestic outcross capability extension.

There is one main obvious rationale for extending the date 20 years out from 2010 to 2030 for domestic outcrosses: With so few breeders still active and with our bloodlines so closely related, allowing outcrossing to domestic cats is a proactive way to prevent future health problems that can be caused by inbreeding. It is much easier and wiser to prevent such problems than it is to try and correct them after they occur. Please refer to page 5 for a short example of a two year inbreeding analysis. Pertaining to this, Lorraine Shelton stated anything less than 3%-5% is desirable, so anything above is not desirable.

<i>CFA</i>			<i>OTHER ASSOCIATIONS</i>		
<i>Country</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Variety</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Variety</i>
<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>Apt14e</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>Poland</i>	<i>Blue Emminence</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>
<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>Acurl</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>Europe</i>	<i>Boomer & Smaragd</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>
<i>USA</i>	<i>Bamacurls</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>Sweden</i>	<i>Ortalion</i>	<i>LH</i>
<i>Korea</i>	<i>CatFlower</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Pointocurl</i>	<i>LH</i>
<i>USA</i>	<i>Copacurlbana</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>Previka</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>
<i>USA</i>	<i>Curl Essence</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Russicurl</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>
<i>USA</i>	<i>Dbcats</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>Sarcenet</i>	<i>LH</i>
<i>USA</i>	<i>DreamCurls</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>	<i>Finland</i>	<i>Siriuksen</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>
<i>Japan</i>	<i>Fortissimo</i>	<i>LH</i>	<i>Europe</i>	<i>Van 'T Elzenhof</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>
<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>Manyee</i>	<i>LH</i>			
<i>USA</i>	<i>Musique</i>	<i>LH</i>			
<i>USA</i>	<i>Procurlharem</i>	<i>LH</i>			
<i>USA</i>	<i>Seven Oaks</i>	<i>LH & SH</i>			
<i>USA</i>	<i>Wimpl</i>	<i>LH</i>			

From the following charts of the current breeding cats, both LH and SH, including domestic outcrosses, you can see there have been few domestic outcrosses used. The reasons vary from the difficulty of getting a domestic cat that meets the Curl Standard, except for the ears, to getting ANY domestic cat that is not already spayed or neutered, to having too many breeding cats already. But the opportunity of using carefully chosen domestics can avail itself with more time allotted. Of the 116 LH breeding Curls identified, there are only two domestic outcrosses, while of the 39 identified SH Curls, seven are domestics. You can also see that of the 39 SH cats, 32 are from only three catteries: one in the US, one in Finland and one in Russia. Again, this is NOT good for the continued health of our SH gene pool.

When selective breeding moved forward in 1983, the originators thought that a 2010 cutoff date would be enough time to establish consistency and genetic diversity. They could not foresee, due to their optimism of this exciting new, healthy breed, why there would not be at least 100 Curl breeders active world wide by 2010. But that is not the case, as 2010 comes fast in just four years with only 23 globally today in 2006. It has taken one active CFA breeder 11 years to find a suitable domestic just recently, and another nine years recently.

Early outcrosses used were from the same feral colony and did not provide as wide a genetic diversity as sometimes assumed by looking at early pedigrees. This also could have caused a false sense of security and delayed breeders in rushing to use a domestic, thinking the breed was “safe.” Even further strengthening the need for a 20-year extension, is that there was a wide array of Curl types shown throughout the past 13 years in CFA since acceptance, due to our individual foundation cats having such regional type differences. Thus it has taken up much time and hard work to achieve the consistency we are only starting to see today in the rings. We are just getting started as a viable competitive breed now, and to cease domestic outcrossing in four years would weaken our gene pool inextricably and certainly discourage new breeders if health issues cropped up. During the last five years, Curl breeders have been competing and breeding on such an international scale, and the future looks very bright. New Curl breeders should have a safe and reasonable time to plan a future for themselves and their Curl programs as the originators had.

Our council would like the revised 2030 cutoff for domestic outcrossing added for informational purposes, effective immediately.

CURRENT CFA LH AMERICAN CURL BREEDING CATS

<i>CAT NAME</i>	<i>SEX</i>	<i>VARIETY</i>	<i>16 GEN INBREEDING</i>
<i>Bamacurl's Bidy Boy</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>25.000%</i>
<i>Bamacurl's Cooter</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>28.100%</i>
<i>Bamacurl's Sweet Areetha</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Bamacurl's Truffles of Southern Curl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>28.100%</i>
<i>Barclay Bilberry Snow of Emmanuel</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.098%</i>
<i>Bear-Sun</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>9.375%</i>
<i>Blue Eminence's Figa of Pointocurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>CatFlower Apache Geronimo of Pointocurl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>15.317%</i>
<i>CatFlower Isadora Duncurl of Pointocurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>15.317%</i>
<i>CatFlower Samuel of Emmanuel</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>7.800%</i>
<i>CurlEssense Koko</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>18.600%</i>

<i>CurlEssense Samantha</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>25.400%</i>
<i>CurlEssense Sarakurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>35.300%</i>
<i>Daywarhim Acurlpoyse Meow</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>27.800%</i>
<i>Dbcats Ali McCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.513%</i>
<i>Dbcats Blue Rose</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>30.569%</i>
<i>Dbcats Gypsy Rose of Previka</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.513%</i>
<i>Dbcats Heartbreaker of Siriuksen</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.513%</i>
<i>Dbcats Lady Chatterly of Previka</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.513%</i>
<i>Dbcats Lady Godiva</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.513%</i>
<i>Dbcats Mr Curljangles of Terregale</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>10.276%</i>
<i>Dbcats Touch of Class</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.513%</i>
<i>Dbcats Work of Art of Musique</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.513%</i>
<i>DreamCurls 10 Cents A Dime</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>DreamCurls Cash & Curly</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>6.400%</i>
<i>DreamCurls Doin' The Happy Dance</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>DreamCurls Penny's From Heaven</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Earesistable's TKO Dvine of Musique</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Eufebiuż Jarżebinowe Urocżisko of Russicurl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>21.825%</i>
<i>Fatima Boomer of Russicurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.700%</i>
<i>Fortissimo Sir Red Battler</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>10.500%</i>
<i>Fortissimo So Curly Hannicurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>3.500%</i>
<i>Gaelicurls Nouveau Noirlatro</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>3.240%</i>
<i>Galaxy of Sarcenet</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Kallie of Musique</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Karmen of Boomer & Smaragd</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Lusjen of Boomer & Smaragd of Russicurl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>6.100%</i>
<i>Malyshika of Procurlharem</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>9.900%</i>
<i>Misty Van 'T Elzenhof</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Beckett's Zoie of Ashmanor</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Dizzy</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Iona</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Kookie</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Little Fury</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Regina</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Sapphire Gem</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Savannah of Gaelicurls</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Scooby's Friar Tuck</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Nanaka RussianCurl of Pointocurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>13.000%</i>
<i>Ortalion'a Curla Blue Ocean</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Phantasia DurangoCurl of Siriuksen</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Phantasia Goldnuggetcurl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>25.300%</i>
<i>Pointocurl Drop of Rain</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>10.737%</i>
<i>Pointocurl Hanacurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>7.652%</i>
<i>Procurlharem Curl Hand Luke</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>1.000%</i>
<i>Procurlharem Curlz In the Hood of CatFlower</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>4.522%</i>

<i>Procurlharem Diamondaracurlsbefrend</i>	F	Am Curl	20.548%
<i>Procurlharem Ella Fitzcurled</i>	F	Am Curl	1.466%
<i>Procurlharem Juliecurl</i>	F	Am Curl	18.400%
<i>Procurlharem Leanmean Curlinmachine</i>	F	Am Curl	16.500%
<i>Procurlharem Louisa May Alcurl</i>	F	Am Curl	26.000%
<i>Procurlharem Mancurlian Canidate</i>	M	Am Curl	26.000%
<i>Procurlharem Murphycurl</i>	M	Am Curl	1.600%
<i>Procurlharem Oneisthecurliestnumbr</i>	F	Am Curl	13.602%
<i>Procurlharem Ruth of Emmanuel</i>	F	Am Curl	35.600%
<i>Procurlharem Sex & The Single Curl</i>	F	Am Curl	39.835%
<i>Procurlharem Steve McCurl of Dbcats</i>	M	Am Curl	13.757%
<i>Procurlharem Yankee Dudecurl Dandy</i>	M	Am Curl	6.977%
<i>Procurlharem YouGoCurl! of CatFlower</i>	F	Am Curl	22.038%
<i>Richard Virgincky of Pointocurl</i>	M	Am Curl	16.800%
<i>Rinaldo Boomer</i>	M	Am Curl	1.700%
<i>Russicurl's Bagheera</i>	F	Am Curl	6.500%
<i>Russicurl's Charmcurl</i>	F	Am Curl	0.100%
<i>Russicurl's Crasy Horse</i>	M	Am Curl	21.800%
<i>Russicurl's Curly-Russ of Southern Curls</i>	F	Am Curl	0.100%
<i>Russicurl's Ellee</i>	F	Am Curl	4.900%
<i>Russicurl's Jasashimi of Pointocurl</i>	F	Am Curl	13.000%
<i>Russicurl's Jasmin</i>	F	Am Curl	0.100%
<i>Russicurl's Kniez Serebrianny</i>	M	Am Curl	8.500%
<i>Russicurl's Kurlmensita</i>	F	Am Curl	0.100%
<i>Russicurl's Lola</i>	F	Am Curl	6.700%
<i>Russicurl's Ludmila</i>	F	Am Curl	4.900%
<i>Russicurl's Margo-Curl</i>	F	Am Curl	0.000%
<i>Russicurl's Mirra Silver Fluffy</i>	F	Am Curl	4.900%
<i>Russicurl's Night Morroz</i>	F	Am Curl	4.900%
<i>Russicurl's Panochka</i>	F	Am Curl	6.700%
<i>Russicurl's Pointik</i>	M	Am Curl	0.000%
<i>Russicurl's Romashka of Pointocurl</i>	F	Am Curl	4.196%
<i>Russicurl's Rysik</i>	F	Am Curl	3.400%
<i>Russicurl's Santa Claws</i>	M	Am Curl	2.700%
<i>Russicurl's Super Spot</i>	M	Am Curl	9.100%
<i>Russicurl's Tortik</i>	M	Am Curl	12.700%
<i>Russicurl's White Star Morroz</i>	M	Am Curl	0.000%
<i>Russicurl's Zayka</i>	F	Am Curl	15.000%
<i>Samoa Gems Russicurl of Russicurl</i>	F	Am Curl	0.000%
<i>Samoa Gems Y2K of Russicurl</i>	F	Am Curl	0.000%
<i>Sarah</i>	F	Domestic	0.000%
<i>Sarcenet Chanel</i>	F	Am Curl	0.200%
<i>Sarcenet Claire de Lune of Siriuksen</i>	F	Am Curl	14.400%
<i>Sarcenet Cocobolo</i>	M	Am Curl	6.100%
<i>Sarcenet Enigma of Samoa Gems</i>	M	Am Curl	4.300%
<i>Sarcenet Mimosa</i>	F	Am Curl	6.100%

<i>Sarcenet Penumbra</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.200%</i>
<i>Sarcenet Shiloh</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.200%</i>
<i>Sarcenet Silent Sapphire</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>26.700%</i>
<i>Sarcenet Silver Dime of DreamCurls</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.300%</i>
<i>Sheba Van 'T Elzenhof</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.400%</i>
<i>Siberiacurl's Boy Sweet Bear</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>19.900%</i>
<i>Siberiacurl's Boy Sweet Ears</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>19.900%</i>
<i>Siriuksen AijaCurl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>2.000%</i>
<i>Siriuksen Baby Curly</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>5.900%</i>
<i>Siriuksen TangoCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>6.400%</i>
<i>Siriuksen XarletCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>19.100%</i>
<i>Siriuksen X-Curl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>19.100%</i>
<i>Siriuksen YvresseCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>2.900%</i>
<i>Siriuksen Zig Zag Curl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>7.700%</i>

CURRENT CFA SH AMERICAN CURL BREEDING CATS

<i>CAT NAME</i>	<i>SEX</i>	<i>VARIETY</i>	<i>16 GEN INBREEDING</i>
<i>5-N-Dime of DreamCurls</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Aby of Russicurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Basia</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Dbcats Flutterbye Rose</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>10.734%</i>
<i>Dbcats Janis Joplin</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Dbcats Lady Madonna</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.299%</i>
<i>Dbcats Little Rock</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>7.849%</i>
<i>Dbcats Robert Redcurl of Previka</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.247%</i>
<i>DreamCurls Piccurlo Pete</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>6.200%</i>
<i>Earesistable's DixieDoodle of Musique</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>18.800%</i>
<i>Earesistable's Linda Luvcr of Dbcats</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>18.750%</i>
<i>Goldy Girl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Katerina of Russicurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Katia</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Mini-Ally of Siriuksen</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Musique Titus</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Paisley Freels of Dbcats</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Chocodream</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Elton Jon</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>4.900%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Karusel</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>3.100%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Kasper of Dbcats</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Kurlage of Southern Curl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.100%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Lizavetta</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>25.000%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Lizayetta</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Macho of Daniel-Rus</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>4.900%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Milena</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>4.900%</i>
<i>Russicurl's No Doubt of Tennes</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>6.700%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Silvik</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>

<i>Russicurl's Smokurl Boy</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.100%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Vikky</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>25.400%</i>
<i>Russicurl's X-Man</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>4.900%</i>
<i>Samoa Gems Graftycurl of Russicurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Siriuksen BambiCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>5.900%</i>
<i>Siriuksen BBCurl</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>5.900%</i>
<i>Siriuksen BenjiCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>5.900%</i>
<i>Siriuksen BiellaCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>5.900%</i>
<i>Siriuksen EmmaCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Siriuksen EmmiCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Siriuksen TontoCurl</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Am Curl</i>	<i>6.400%</i>

**16 GENERATION INBREEDING ANALYSIS OF MATINGS
(FROM PEDIGREES RECEIVED)**

<i>SIRE</i>	<i>DAM</i>	<i>16 GEN %</i>
<i>Bear-Sun</i>	<i>Karmen of Boomer & Smaragd</i>	<i>2.027%</i>
<i>Bear-Sun</i>	<i>Russicurl's Chocodream</i>	<i>6.411%</i>
<i>CatFlower Apache Geronimo of Pointicurl</i>	<i>Pointocurl Hannacurl</i>	<i>10.821%</i>
<i>CatFlower Apache Geronimo of Pointicurl</i>	<i>Russicurl's Romashka of Pointocurl</i>	<i>11.379%</i>
<i>Dbcats Little Rock</i>	<i>Dbcats Flutterbye Rose</i>	<i>15.590%</i>
<i>Dbcats Mr Curljangles</i>	<i>Sarcenet Mimosa</i>	<i>11.782%</i>
<i>Dbcats Touch of Class</i>	<i>Russicurl's Milena</i>	<i>9.102%</i>
<i>Dbcats Touch of Class</i>	<i>Russicurl's Jasashimi of Pointocurl</i>	<i>4.424%</i>
<i>Dbcats Touch of Class</i>	<i>Russicurl's Jasmin</i>	<i>6.744%</i>
<i>Dbcats Touch of Class</i>	<i>Russicurl's Aby Tabby</i>	<i>4.865%</i>
<i>DreamCurls Cash N Curly</i>	<i>DreamCurls Doin' The Happy Dance</i>	<i>9.937%</i>
<i>DreamCurls Cash N Curly</i>	<i>DreamCurls 10 Cents a Dance</i>	<i>28.197%</i>
<i>DreamCurls Piccurlo Pete</i>	<i>DreamCurls 10 Cents a Dance</i>	<i>16.070%</i>
<i>Eufebiusz Jarzebinowe Uroczyisko</i>	<i>Russicurl's Zayka</i>	<i>20.100%</i>
<i>Phantasia Goldnuggetcurl of Sarcenet</i>	<i>Sarcenet Chanel</i>	<i>4.540%</i>
<i>Phantasia Goldnuggetcurl of Sarcenet</i>	<i>Galaxy of Sarcenet</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Procurlharem Curlz In The Hood of CatFlower</i>	<i>Procurlharem YouGoCurl! of CatFlower</i>	<i>15.405%</i>
<i>Procurlharem Murphycurl</i>	<i>Samoa Gems Graftycurl of Russicurl</i>	<i>0.116%</i>
<i>Procurlharem Steve McCurl of Dbcats</i>	<i>Dbcats Lady Madona</i>	<i>3.404%</i>
<i>Richard Virgincky of Russicurl</i>	<i>Russicurl's Bagheera</i>	<i>11.479%</i>
<i>Richard Virgincky of Russicurl</i>	<i>Samoa Gems Graftycurl of Russicurl</i>	<i>0.305%</i>
<i>Rinaldo Boomer</i>	<i>Dbcats Heartbreaker of Siriuksen</i>	<i>5.901%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Elton Jon</i>	<i>Samoa Gems Graftycurl of Russicurl</i>	<i>0.194%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Kasper of Dbcats</i>	<i>Paisley Freels of Dbcats</i>	<i>0.000%</i>
<i>Russicurl's Kasper of Dbcats</i>	<i>Dbcats Blue Rose</i>	<i>10.766%</i>

<i>Russicurl's Macho of Daniel-Rus</i>	<i>Samoa Gems Y2K of Russicurl</i>	6.423%
<i>Russicurl's Ruslan</i>	<i>Russicurl's Ludmila</i>	22.025%
<i>Russicurl's Silvik</i>	<i>Basia</i>	25.000%
<i>Russicurl's Smokurl Boy</i>	<i>Russicurl's Margo-Curl</i>	12.735%
<i>Russicurl's White Star Morroz</i>	<i>Russicurl's Panochka</i>	6.637%
<i>Sarcenet Shiloh</i>	<i>Sarcenet Chanel</i>	16.071%
<i>Sarcenet Shiloh</i>	<i>Galaxy of Sarcenet</i>	0.000%
<i>Siriuksen AijaCurl</i>	<i>Russicurl's Kurlmensita</i>	11.581%

CFA - AMERICAN CURL STATS

YEAR	LH	SH	TOTAL
1993	118	26	144
1994	105	76	181
1995	177	46	223
1996	161	67	228
1997	162	75	237
1998	144	70	214
1999	117	43	160
2000	146	39	185
2001	108	41	149
2002	149	27	176
2003	118	26	144
2004	126	33	159
2005	170	50	220
2006 to July	147	12	159
Total	1,948	631	2,579

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE AMERICAN CURL LH AND SH—
From time of acceptance through JULY 2006

YES: 9

NO: 0

Angell: I have a hard time with this because we try to not breed random-bred cats and now we're breeding random-bred cats and calling them pedigreed cats. **Wilson:** If they are a breed that stands on their own, at some point they should have a cut-off date. **Miller:** They didn't make a good enough point for the need for this outcross. Why can't they use their normal-eared cats instead of domestics? **J. Watson:** 20 years is a pretty big leap. If they bring it back with a more reasonable cut-off date, I might be inclined to go with it. **Wilson:** They were adamant that this is what they want. **Eigenhauser:** Because this is not a breed standard change, we are permitted to amend it. If it is the will of the board that it be a different number of years, we can do it now. **DelaBar:** My only concern is that when you bring in a random-bred cat, you are bringing in that random gene pool and unknown problems. Breed councils should look at using our known pedigreed cats, where we know what is behind them. **Johnson** moves to amend the motion, to allow outcrosses until 2015.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried. Angell, Janosik, L. Watson, Shaffer, Cummings and Miller voting no.

AMERICAN SHORTHAIR

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Carol Johnson

Total Members: 81

Ballots Received: 68

60% of Voting: 41

1. Should Ticked Tabby American Shorthairs be advanced to Championship status in all tabby and tabby and white colors currently recognized for championship competition?

(This would create a single competitive color class for ticked tabbies in all classic and mackerel tabby colors currently recognized for championship, and add the ticked tabby pattern to all colors in the existing tabby and white color class.)

PROPOSED: that the following Ticked Tabby pattern/color description be ADDED to the AMERICAN SHORTHAIR COLORS section of the Breed Standard:

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: overall appearance is a cat without obvious markings on the body and with distinct tabby striping on the head, neck, legs and tail. The hair shafts on the body should be ticked with various shades of the marking color. Marking colors (stripes), ground colors and eye colors are the same as for the classic and mackerel tabby patterns. When viewed from above, the body is free from distinct spots, stripes or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. Cat must have at least one distinct necklace. Hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

RATIONALE: This is a naturally occurring AOV pattern in the ASH breed. Ticked tabbies have been in the gene pool since the first shaded domestic shorthairs were shown in 1917. They were originally shown as shaded silver Domestic Shorthairs and became part of the American Shorthair breed in 1961. In the 1960s shaded silver ASH were very popular and made up a third of the ASH breed.

Registrations of shaded ASH have dramatically declined since the 1960s and there are not enough shaded ASH to breed only shaded to shaded. Ticked tabbies can occur when a shaded ASH is bred to a classic or mackerel tabby to improve genetic diversity (health) or to improve type. The resulting kittens have features of both parents – striping on the head, neck, legs and tail from the tabby parent and no striping on the body from the shaded parent. Because ticked tabbies are not registered for show, it is necessary to need one or more generations before getting cats eligible for showing.

A natural consequence of the genetics requires a breeder to keep relatively large numbers of cats that can not be shown, a feat which is becoming increasingly more difficult due to ever growing regional legislation limiting numbers of pets. Because the ticked tabbies can not be shown, it is very difficult to get new breeders started breeding the color because when outcrossing to tabbies, the ticked tabby generation can not be shown. Currently there are fewer than 10 catteries working with the shaded color.

The breeders working with shaded cats would like to progress the ticked tabby to an accepted pattern in championship. The ticked colors of ticked tabbies are currently produced during breedings of shaded cats to other tabbies or solids, but for which there are no championship color classes. They are currently being registered without a separate color number, but via a “T” suffix being added by CFA to existing tabby pattern/color numbers. Thus the numbers

being so registered do not appear in the calendar year statistics published in the CFA Almanac.

YES: 35

NO: 32

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. Should an acceptable minimum amount of white be specified for Tabby and White American Shorthairs?

PROPOSAL 2a. Change the description for Tabby and White as follows: TABBY AND WHITE (including vans)*: White with colored portions, the colored portions conform to the currently established tabby classes; mackerel and classic. ~~As a preferred~~ an acceptable minimum, which is approximately 1/3 white, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

RATIONALE: As tabby and whites become more numerous in the show ring, there are wide variations in the amount of white appearing on individual cats. There is a preferred amount listed in the American Shorthair standard and there should be a clarification of the acceptable amount of white. There seems to be little consensus among judges when evaluating the correct amount of white that is acceptable within our standard.

PROPOSAL 2b. Change the description for Tabby and White as follows: TABBY AND WHITE (including vans)*: White with colored portions, the colored portions conform to the currently established tabby classes; mackerel and classic. ~~As a preferred~~ an acceptable minimum, the cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

RATIONALE: Same as above. This would clarify for the judges an acceptable minimum allowed within our standard.

PROPOSAL 2c. Change the description for Tabby and White as follows: TABBY AND WHITE (including vans)*: White with colored portions, the colored portions conform to the currently established tabby classes; mackerel and classic. ~~As a preferred minimum,~~ The cat should have white feet, legs, undersides, chest and muzzle. 1/3 white is the preferred minimum. An inverted “V” blaze is desirable.

RATIONALE: Judges shouldn't stop looking at the cat's type because they are trying to calculate how much is 1/3.

YES: 23

NO: 41

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

3. Should American Shorthairs with incorrect eye color be penalized?

PROPOSED: that the PENALIZE section of the American Shorthair standard be modified by adding a third item to penalize for as follows:

PENALIZE: excessive cobbiness or ranginess. Very short tail. Incorrect eye color.

RATIONALE: The eye colors specified for each color description have been determined and refined after years of selective breeding. The correct eye color is an important and distinctive feature of our breed that often separates our pedigreed cats from random bred cats that many show visitors claim to “have one just like that at home.”

YES: 23

NO: 45

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

4. **ADVISORY ONLY:** Should the “open registration” policy which allows the registration of cats of unknown parentage that resemble American Shorthairs be rescinded?

Although the ability to foundation register (and also show) a cat of unknown parentage as an American Shorthair has been in effect since 1986, the last cat to be registered (and shown) under that provision was a brown patched tabby female born July 4, 1995. In the past six years only two requests for such a registration were submitted to the Breed Council Secretary for review. One was denied because the required photographs that were submitted did not remotely resemble our breed in head type, eye shape or body style. The second was withdrawn when the Breed Council Secretary requested an opportunity to see the cat in question.

While an argument that the introduction of cats of unknown parentage into our breed will increase genetic diversity can certainly be made, the other side of the coin is that such cats can introduce unpredictable and undesirable traits as well. There is sufficient diversity in our American Shorthair gene pool that this rarely used open registry option is no longer necessary or in the best interests of our breed.

YES: 24

NO: 43

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

AMERICAN WIREHAIR

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Gerri Miele

Total Members: 25

Ballots Received: 23

60% of Voting: 14

1. PROPOSED: In the GENERAL section of the standard ADD the statement: The American Wirehair coat is surprisingly fragile and should be handled gently.

GENERAL: the American Wirehair is a spontaneous mutation. The coat, which is not only springy, dense, and resilient, but also coarse and hard to the touch, distinguishes the American Wirehair from all other breeds. The American Wirehair coat is surprisingly fragile and should be handled gently. Characteristic is activity, agility, and keen interest in its surroundings.

RATIONALE: The American Wirehair coat tends to fall out when it is handled vigorously, such as running your hands back and forth through the coat. This is a reminder to everyone who handles these cats to be more careful when touching the coat to prevent breakage.

YES: 9

NO: 14

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. PROPOSED: From the GENERAL section and the COAT section of the standard, REMOVE the phrases but also coarse and hard, coarseness and, and and coarse from the standard leaving the statements: 1) The coat, which is springy, dense and resilient, distinguishes the American Wirehair from all other breeds. 2) The overall appearance of wiring and resilience of the coat is more important than the crimping of each hair. 3) The coat, which is very dense, resilient and crimped is most desirable, as are curly whiskers. The standard would read as follows.

GENERAL: the American Wirehair is a spontaneous mutation. The coat, which is ~~not only~~ springy, dense, and resilient, ~~but also coarse and hard to the touch~~, distinguishes the American Wirehair from all other breeds. Characteristic is activity, agility, and keen interest in its surroundings.

COAT: springy, tight, medium in length. Individual hairs are crimped, hooked, or bent, including hair within the ears. The overall appearance of wiring and the ~~coarseness and~~ resilience of the coat is more important than the crimping of each hair. The density of the wired coat leads to ringlet formation rather than waves. That coat, which is very dense, resilient, and crimped, ~~and coarse~~, is most desirable, as are curly whiskers.

RATIONALE: The American Wirehair coats which are the hardest and most coarse have a tendency to fall out, leaving an adult cat with very thin hair or no hair at all in places. This is a health issue for our cats. The standard, as it is now, encouraging these hard, brittle coats is causing us to choose for the harder coats.

These are the cats that do best in the show rings and are most likely to get titles and then be used for breeding. This also encourages breeders to breed for the hard coats. Thus we are left with further generations of cats that are more likely to become very sparse coated as adults.

Leaving out the words “hard” and “coarse,” does not change the standard much, but allows for a softer coat as long as it remains dense, resilient and crimped. The overall appearance of wiring remains paramount.

YES: 9

NO: 14

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

3. PROPOSED: Change the EYES as follows:

CURRENT: EYES: large, round, bright, and clear. Set well apart. Aperture has slight upward tilt.

PROPOSED: EYES: large, ~~round~~, bright and clear. Set well apart. Upper lid is shaped like half an almond (cut lengthwise) and lower lid is shaped in a fully rounded curve. Aperture has a slight upward tilt.

RATIONALE: The original American Wirehair Standard was based on the American Shorthair Standard, a standard which has not changed significantly since that time in terms of the type of the cat. That standard has the wording that is being proposed as the new wording for the AWH standard. As the ASH is still used frequently as an outcross to the AWH, it would be expected that an eye in the shape described in that standard is really the ideal. The prominent difference between the two standards is widely believed to be the following: wired coat, more prominent cheekbones, and slight upward tilt to the eye aperture. Technically, that upward tilt cannot be achieved in a truly round eye.

Other standards that have round eyes include the Persian Standard (“round”), the Scottish Fold Standard (“well rounded”), and the British Shorthair (“rounded aperture”). The ideal AWH eye aperture shape does not closely resemble what is desirable in these other breeds.

This is not a large change to our standard, but it does more accurately describe what breeders are trying to achieve.

YES: 11

NO: 11

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

4. PROPOSED: that the following Ticked Tabby pattern/color description be ADDED to the AMERICAN WIREHAIR COLORS section of the Breed Standard:

TICKED TABBY PATTERN: overall appearance is a cat without obvious markings on the body and with distinct tabby striping on the head, neck, legs and tail. The hair shafts on the body should be ticked with various shades of the marking color. Marking colors (stripes), ground colors and eye colors are the same as for the classic and mackerel tabby patterns. When viewed from above, the body is free from obvious spots, stripes or blotches, except for darker dorsal shading. The lighter underside may show tabby markings. Cat must have at least one distinct necklace. Hocks are the same color as the tabby marking color.

RATIONALE: These colors, and their corresponding colors with white, are already being shown as there is nothing in the standard that prohibits it. However, there is no color description. This proposal is simply to add that description.

YES: 13

NO: 9

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

5. PROPOSED: that the following Spotted Tabby pattern/color description be ADDED to the AMERICAN WIREHAIR COLORS section of the Breed Standard:

SPOTTED TABBY PATTERN: markings on the body to be spotted. May vary in size and shape with preference given to round, evenly distributed spots. Body spots may subtly suggest a mackerel or classic pattern, may not be connected and preference given to spots in a random pattern. A dorsal stripe runs the length of the body to the tip of the tail. The stripe is ideally composed of spots. The markings on the face and forehead shall be typically tabby markings. Underside of the body to have “vest buttons.” Legs and tail are barred. On the upper chest there are one or more broken necklaces.

RATIONALE: These colors, and their corresponding colors and white, are already being shown as there is nothing in the standard that prohibits it. However, there is no color description. This proposal is simply to add that description.

YES: 14

NO: 9

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Calhoun, L. Watson, Barnaby, Cummings, Baugh, Kusy and Anger voting no.

BIRMAN

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Jan Gabbard

Total Members: 93

Ballots Received: 78

60% of Voting: 47

1. PROPOSED: Change the registration prefix for “Traditional” color Birman with Lynx and Red Spectrum in their pedigrees.

CURRENT: “Traditional” color Birman (Seal, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac Points) with Lynx Point and Red Spectrum ancestry carry a 218x prefix in their registration numbers to separate them from the traditional 018x Birman.

PROPOSED: Eliminate the “2” on Seal, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac Point offspring of Lynx and Red Spectrum Birman. This change is NOT retroactive unless proposal (3) is also passed.

RATIONALE: All Seal, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac Birman would then carry the same registration prefix. We now know that the Lynx Point and Red Spectrum Birman have not negatively impacted the Birman breed.

YES: 15

NO: 63

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. PROPOSED: Should the above proposal fail, consider the following: The 218x markers for traditional color Birman (Seal, Blue, Chocolate and Lilac Points) should be dropped when only traditional color Birman show in their four generation pedigrees. (If the mechanics of Central Office require, then the breeders who wish to have the 218x dropped would need to communicate this to CFA at the time of initial litter registration, at the time of the qualifying kitten registration.

RATIONALE: Same as Proposal 1.

YES: 12

NO: 65

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

3. PROPOSED: If EITHER of the above proposals pass, breeders who have Birman currently registered in CFA who qualify to have the 218x marker dropped may apply to Central Office to do so, for the fee of re-registering these particular cats. No current awards or points will be lost on these cats for dropping the 218x marker in their registrations.

RATIONALE: Same as Proposal 1.

YES: 15

NO: 63

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

BRITISH SHORTHAIR

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Barbara Sinbine

Total Members: 60

Ballots Received: 58

60% of Voting: 35

1. CURRENT: BODY: medium to large, well knit and powerful. Level back and a deep broad chest.

PROPOSED: BODY: medium to medium-large, well knit, compact, well balanced, and powerful. Level back and a deep broad chest.

RATIONALE: To better clarify the size and muscle tone of the body.

YES: 34

NO: 23

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

2. CURRENT: Blue-Cream: blue and cream to be softly mingled, not patched. Nose leather and paw pads: blue and/or pink. Eye Color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Solid patches of color. Disqualify: white anywhere.

PROPOSED: Blue-Cream: blue with patches of cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both body and extremities. Lighter shades preferred. Eye Color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. ~~Solid patches of color.~~ Disqualify: white anywhere.

RATIONALE: To make the color descriptions more consistent across the standards.

YES: 20

NO: 34

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

3. CURRENT: Blue-Cream: blue and cream to be softly mingled, not patched. Nose leather and paw pads: blue and/or pink. Eye Color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Solid patches of color. Disqualify: white anywhere.

PROPOSED: Blue-Cream: blue and cream to be softly mingled, with both colors clearly defined over the whole animal but without any obvious patches of either color, with the exception of a short, narrow blaze which is permissible. While a single shade of cream is desirable, the presence of two shades of cream should not be heavily penalized. Nose leather and paw pads: blue and/or pink. Eye Color: gold or copper. Penalize: tabby markings, unbroken color on paws. Obvious patches or unequal balance of color. Disqualify: white anywhere.

RATIONALE: To make the color descriptions within our standard more consistent.

YES: 27

NO: 30

BOARD ACTION: No action taken.

EUROPEAN BURMESE

Elected Breed Council Secretary: David Osage

Total Members: 37

Ballots Received: 34

60% of Voting: 21

- 1. PROPOSED: From the PENALIZE section of the standard, REMOVE the following sentence “Pigmentation spots (freckling) on nose leather, lips or paw pads on reds and creams.”

Current: PENALIZE: pronounced muzzle pinch (top view). Oriental eye shape. Round eyes. Green eyes. Pigmentation spots (freckling) on nose leather, lips or paw pads on reds and creams.

Proposed: PENALIZE: pronounced muzzle pinch (top view). Oriental eye shape. Round eyes. Green eyes. ~~Pigmentation spots (freckling) on nose leather, lips or paw pads on reds and creams.~~

RATIONALE: European Burmese with the red gene are genetically prone to get the pigmentation spots as they get older. By penalizing for pigmentation spots we are basically telling exhibitors to not show their older cats.

YES: 30

NO: 3

Eigenhauser: When we start playing with penalize, are we dumbing down the standard to meet what they are actually getting? That seems to be their rationale.

BOARD ACTION: DelaBar called the motion. Motion Carried. Eigenhauser and L. Watson voting no. Barnaby and Kusy abstained.

- 2. PROPOSED: From the MUZZLE section of the standard, MOVE “visible nose break” to a new section by the name of PROFILE. ADD “PROFILE” to the point breakdown. The standard would read as follows:

Current description:

MUZZLE: visible nose break. Jaw wide at the base. Strong lower jaw. Strong chin.

HEAD, EARS and MUZZLE 25
EYES and EYE COLOR (25)
Shape..... 15
Color 10
BODY, LEGS, FEET and TAIL..... 20
COAT and COAT COLOR 30

Proposed description:

MUZZLE: ~~visible nose break~~. Jaw wide at the base. Strong lower jaw. Strong chin.

PROFILE: visible nose break.

HEAD, EARS, MUZZLE and PROFILE ... 25

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Johnson, Eigenhauser and Kusy voting no.

LA PERM

Breed Council Secretary: Erika Fetz

Total Members: 10

Ballots Received: 6

60% of Voting: 4

1. PROPOSED: From the GENERAL section of the standard, REMOVE: Coat texture will be distinctly different than that of any other Rex Mutation and will vary within the breed.

The standard would read as follows:

Current: GENERAL:The cat is alert and seems to be walking tall on his feet. Coat texture will be distinctly different than that of any other Rex mutation and will vary within the breed. Males may have a curlier coat but not always...

Proposed: GENERAL:.....The cat is alert and seems to be walking tall on his feet. ~~Coat texture will be distinctly different than that of any other Rex mutation and will vary within the breed.~~ Males may have a curlier coat but not always...

RATIONALE: This reflects reality after observations of all the other Rex mutations.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Wilson: They are taking the description of coat out of the general description. **Johnson:** They are trying to take out references to another breed.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried.

2. PROPOSED: From the COAT-LONGHAIR: Texture and length section of the standard, REMOVE The feel of this coat is unique among Rex breeds.

Current: COAT-LONGHAIR: Texture and length:...The tail is plumed with some curling. The feel of this coat is unique among Rex breeds. It is springy, light and airy...

Proposed: COAT-LONGHAIR: Texture and length...The tail is plumed with some curling. ~~The feel of this coat is unique among Rex breeds.~~ The coat is springy, light and airy...

RATIONALE: This reflects reality after observations of all the other Rex mutations.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Miller: Coat is the main uniqueness of this breed. I don't think they are describing it quite as strongly as they might.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried.

3. PROPOSED: From the COAT-SHORTHAIR: Texture and length section of the standard, REMOVE: The feel of this coat is unique among Rex breeds.

Current: COAT-SHORTHAIR: Texture and length: The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy. The feel of this coat is unique among Rex Breeds. It is springy, light and airy...

Proposed: COAT-SHORTHAIR: Texture and length: The tail is not plumed but hair may be wavy. ~~The feel of this coat is unique among Rex breeds.~~The coat is springy, light and airy...

RATIONALE: This reflects reality after observations of all the other Rex mutations.

YES: 6

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried.

4. PROPOSED: To the PENALIZE section:, ADD: lack of muscular hindquarters. Change the section to read:

Current: PENALIZE: lack of ear furnishings on the longhair LaPerm, crossed eyes or non-visible tail faults.

Proposed: PENALIZE: lack of ear furnishings on the longhair LaPerm, lack of muscular hindquarters, crossed eyes or non-visible tail faults.

RATIONALE: We want our cats to be as strong as the surviving domestics. Having muscularity may be part of condition, but we want to make sure that weakness does not become accepted.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Miller: They have no description about how strong or muscular the legs are supposed to be. **DelaBar:** The language they need is found in other standards.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Eigenhauser, Angell and Kallmeyer voting yes.

5. PROPOSED: Change the section on COLORS as follows:

RED: deep, clear without markings or ticking. ~~Lips and chin same as coat.~~ Nose leather and paw pads: ~~brick red~~ pink.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream without markings. ~~, without markings, lighter shades preferred.~~ Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

CHOCOLATE: rich, warm chocolate-brown, one level tone. Nose leather and paw pads: ~~brown~~ pink.

LAVENDER: one level shade, frosty grey pink. Nose leather and paw pads: lavender pink.

SHADED PATTERN: undercoat white with a mantle of ~~specified marking~~ color tipping, even with no marks, shaded down from sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, stomach and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with tipping marking color. Nose leather and paw pads as defined below.

CHOCOLATE SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: pink. ~~Paw pads: Cinnamon.~~

CINNAMON SHADED: ~~undercoat white with a mantle of cinnamon tipping. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with cinnamon.~~ Nose leather and paw pads tan to pinkish beige. ~~: pink~~
~~Paw pads: coral pink.~~

FAWN SHADED: ~~undercoat white with a mantle of fawn tipping. Rims of eyes and nose outlined with fawn. Nose leather and paw pads: pink. Paw pads: pink.~~

CAMEO CREAM SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: ~~rose~~ pink.

ADD: RED SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: rose pink.

TORTOISESHELL SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: rose pink to black as in solids, ~~may be mottled with pink.~~

BLUE-CREAM SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: rose pink to blue as in solids, ~~may be mottled with pink.~~

LAVENDER-CREAM SHADED: Nose leather and paw pads: lavender pink as in solids, ~~may be mottled with pink.~~

GOLDEN SHADED: undercoat rich warm cream with black tipping. Nose leather and paw pads: ~~deep rose~~. Paw pads: black.

CHINCHILLA PATTERN: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head and tail sufficiently tipped with specific marking color (i.e., black, blue red, cream tortoiseshell, etc.) to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, stomach and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined with marking color (black/brick red; blue/old rose; etc.). Nose and leather: ~~appropriate to pattern and marking color (black/brick red; blue/old rose; etc.)~~. Paw pads: appropriate to pattern and marking color as listed in shadeds.

GOLDEN CHINCHILLA: undercoat rich warm cream, tipped with black as for other chinchilla colors. Nose leather and paw pads: black ~~appropriate to marking color~~.

RED SMOKE ~~CAMEO~~: Nose leather and paw pads: rose.

CHOCOLATE SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: brown or pink ~~brick~~.

FAWN SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: lavender pink ~~a light shade of dusty rose pink (no blue or lavender tones)~~.

TORTOISESHELL SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: black mottled with pink ~~on nose and paw pads~~.

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL: Nose leather and paw pads: brown mottled with pink ~~on nose and paws~~.

BLUE-CREAM SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: blue mottled with pink ~~on nose and paw pads~~.

LAVENDER-CREAM SMOKE: Nose leather and paw pads: grey-pink mottled with pink ~~on nose and paws~~.

MACKEREL TABBY PATTERN:Lines running ~~down~~ down the head to meet the shoulders.

TICKED TABBY PATTERN:Lighter underside may show tabby markings. Face, neck, legs and tail may show tabby striping.

BLUE TABBY:Nose leather and: ~~old rose~~. Paw pads: ~~rose~~ blue.

RED TABBY:Nose leather and paw pads: brick red to pink.

CHOCOLATE SILVER TABBY: ground color, including lips and chin, is silver. Markings rich ~~chestnut~~ chocolate. Nose leather: ~~chestnut~~ chocolate, or pink rimmed with ~~chestnut~~ chocolate. Paw pads: coral pink.

~~CAMEO TABBY: ground color off white Markings red. Nose leather and paw pads: rose.~~
(remove Cameo Tabby description entirely)

ADD: PARTI-COLORS:

TORTOISESHELL: black mottled or patched with red ~~and/or cream~~. Blaze on face is desirable. Nose leather and paw pads: black or brown mottled with pink.

BLUE-CREAM: blue mottled or patched with cream. Blaze on face is desirable. Nose leather and paw pads: blue mottled with pink.

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL: rich ~~chestnut~~ chocolate brown mottled or patched with red ~~and/or cream~~. Blaze on face is desirable. Nose leather and paw pads: cinnamon mottled with pink.

LAVENDER-CREAM: lavender mottled or patched with cream. Blaze on face is desirable. Nose leather and paw pads: lavender pink mottled with pink.

CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. Any combination of dominant colors of solid, shaded, smoke, tabby or ~~shaded~~ pointed and white. ~~Also pointed.~~

VAN CALICO: white cat with dominant patches of ~~dominant~~ colors (see list under CALICO) confined to extremities: ~~head, tail and legs~~. One or two small patches of color on body allowable. ~~Also pointed.~~

DILUTE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of cream and blue ~~dilute colors in solid, tabby, smoke or shaded~~. White predominant on underparts. Any combination of dilute colors of solid, shaded, smoke, tabby or pointed and white. ~~Also colorpoint.~~

VAN DILUTE CALICO: white cat with ~~unbrindled~~ patches of dilute colors (see list under DILUTE CALICO) ~~in solid, tabby, smoke or shaded~~. Color confined to the extremities: ~~head, tail, legs~~. One or two small patches on body allowable. ~~Also colorpoint.~~

BI-COLOR: solid ~~color and white~~, shaded, smoke, tabby, parti or pointed ~~tabby and white, smoke and white, shaded and white, colorpoint and white.~~

VAN BI-COLOR: solid shaded, smoke, tabby, parti or pointed ~~color and white, tabby and white, smoke and white, shaded and white, colorpoint and white~~. Color confined to extremities: ~~head, legs, tail~~. One or two small patches of color on body allowable. ~~Also colorpoint.~~

~~LILAC~~ LAVENDER POINT: body glacial white with.....

LILAC-CREAM POINT: body glacial white with no shading. Points ~~lilac~~ lavender with patches of cream. Nose leather and paw pads: lavender ~~pink, pink or combination of pink and lavender~~ pink.

FLAME (RED) POINT: body creamy.....

(re-name color RED POINT)

TORTIE POINT: body creamy white or pale fawn. Points seal with unbrindled patches of red ~~and/or cream~~. Blaze of red ~~or cream~~ on face desirable.....

CHOCOLATE-TORTIE POINT: body ivory with no shading. Points chocolate with unbrindled patches of red ~~and/or cream~~. Nose leather and paw pads: Chocolate with ~~flesh and/or coral pink~~ mottling to conform with point color.

SEAL LYNX POINT: Nose leather: ~~seal or brick red~~. Paw and paw pads: seal.

BLUE LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: blue or brick red. ~~Paw pads: blue.~~

~~LILAC~~ LAVENDER LYNX POINT:

(NOTE: COLOR NAME CHANGE ONLY)

~~FLAME (RED) LYNX POINT~~ RED LYNX POINT: Nose leather and paw pads: flesh or ~~coral pink or red~~.

PLATINUM MINK: body pale, silvery grey with warm overtones. Note white or cream. Points frosty-grey ~~pewter grey, distinctly darker than the body color. Points may have a lavender cast due to the color of the skin underneath.~~ Nose leather and paw pads: lavender-pink to lavender-grey. ~~Paw pads: lavender pink.~~

RATIONALE: The above changes will bring conformity of wording to all the listed colors and also repair descriptions as asked for by the CFA Board when changed to PROVISIONAL.

YES: 6

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

6. PROPOSED: Do you think we should ask the Abyssinian Breed Council to use the Abyssinian as a LaPerm outcross for 5 years?

RATIONALE: The Abyssinian would be used to give the LaPerm physical characteristics to bring it closer to our standard on type.

YES: 2

NO: 4

BOARD ACTION: No Action.

7. PROPOSED: Do you think we should ask the Somali Breed Council to use the Somali as a LaPerm outcross for 5 years?

RATIONALE: The Somali would help the LaPerm breed to come closer to the standard.

YES: 3

NO: 3

BOARD ACTION: No Action.

8. PROPOSED: Shall we ask the CFA Board to increase the span of time for use of domestics as outcrosses from 2010 to 2015?

RATIONALE: Two thousand ten is getting closer and we still need to keep the LaPerm on track with increasing the gene pool by outcrossing to domestic cats.

YES: 6

NO: 0

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Angell, Cummings, Miller L. Watson and Shaffer voting no.

MAINE COON

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Martha Auspitz

Total Members: 143

Ballots Received: 67

60% of Voting: 41

MAINE COON PROPOSED CHANGES TO COLOR CLASSES

PRIMARY RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGES

To help the CFA Central Office staff (as requested last year) and breeders to get Maine Coon colors registered correctly and in the proper color class from the very beginning, we have created some new color classes to keep like colors and patterns together. We have also rearranged many of the colors within the color classes going from Dominant to Dilute to make them easier to locate in the standard. These changes will help breeders, exhibitors, judges, and entry clerks in getting and keeping the Maine Coons in the correct color class.

NOTE We know that some color class numbers may have to be changed or added for the new classes and we expect the registration staff of CFA Central Office will work with the Maine Coon Breed Council Secretary to resolve any color class numbering issues.

1. PROPOSED: To create a color class for the Silver Patched Tabby and Silver Patched Tabby & White.

Silver Tabby Color Class

SILVER TABBY (classic, mackerel, ~~patched~~): ground color pale, clear silver. Markings dense black. White trim around lip and chin allowed. Nose leather: brick red desirable. Paw pads: black desirable.

Silver Patched Tabby Color Class

SILVER PATCHED TABBY: ground color pale, clear silver. Markings dense black with patches of red and/or cream. White trim around lip and chin allowed. Nose leather: brick red desirable. Paw pads: black and/or pink desirable.

Silver Tabby & White Color Class (including vans)

SILVER TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel, ~~patched~~): color as defined for the silver tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four feet.

Silver Patched Tabby & White Color Class (including vans)

SILVER PATCHED TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): color as described for silver patched tabby (torbie) with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four feet.

RATIONALE: See Primary Rationale. Also, break out Silver Patched Tabby and Silver Patched Tabby & White from the Silver Tabby and Silver Tabby & White color classes, respectively, to be consistent with the Brown Patched Tabby and Brown Patched Tabby & White color classes.

YES: 59

NO: 7

Anger: This proposal consolidates everything that the Maine Coon Breed Council has been trying for years to arrive at. **DelaBar:** This is basically housekeeping.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried.

2. PROPOSED: For housekeeping purposes and making all the color classes read the same for those that use the notation (including vans), to eliminate the description of the Brown Van Tabby & White.

Brown Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans)

BROWN TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): color as defined for brown tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

~~Brown Van Tabby & White (classic, mackerel) white with color confined to the extremities: head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. Tabby pattern to be present in the color markings.~~

RATIONALE: This description is not necessary and the van is already included in the Color Class heading. Also, no other color specifically describes the van pattern, thus keeping the standard more consistent.

YES: 59

NO: 7

Miller: We are eliminating the van bi-color descriptions from many breeds. Soon, newcomers into the cat fancy are not going to know what a van is. The Maine Coon standard says, “must have white on bib, belly and all four paws”. Is it acceptable to have more than that? How much more? I would rather see “must have the minimum” and then you can say, “includes all expressions of white spotted gene from low white to van patterns.” **Auspitz:** We have a separate description for the van pattern in the standard. The old standard was redundant.

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

3. PROPOSED: For housekeeping purposes and making all the color classes read the same for those that use the notation (including vans), to eliminate the description of the Van Tabby in the All Other Tabby & White Color Class (including Vans).

All Other Tabby & White Colors Color Class (including Vans)

TABBY & WHITE (classic, mackerel): color as defined for tabby with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws. Colors accepted are blue, blue-silver, cream, cream-silver, cameo.

~~VAN TABBY (classic, mackerel): white with color confined to the extremities: head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable. Tabby pattern to be present in the colored markings.~~

PATCHED TABBY AND WHITE (torbie with white): color as described for patched tabby (torbie) but with distribution of white markings as described in tabby with white and van tabby. Color as described for patched tabby (torbie) with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws. Colors accepted are blue or blue-silver.

RATIONALE: It really is not necessary and van is already included in the Color Class heading.

YES: 59

NO: 7

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

4. PROPOSED: To re-arrange the Black & White Color Class (including Vans), the Tortoiseshell Color Class, the Tortoiseshell & White Color Class, and the Other Parti-Color Class into the following Color Classes: a Bi-Color Class, a Parti-Color Class and a Parti-Color & White Class.

~~Black & White Color Class (including vans)~~

~~BLACK & WHITE: a combination of black and white. The black area predominates with the white portions being located on the face, chest, belly, legs and feet, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.~~

~~Other Parti-Color Classes~~

~~Blue-Cream: blue with patches of Cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both the body and the extremities.~~

~~Blue-Cream with white: color as defined for blue-cream with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly and all four paws.~~

~~Calico: white with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts.~~

~~Dilute Calico: White with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. White predominant on underparts.~~

~~BI-COLOR: a combination of a solid color with white. The colored areas predominate with the white portions being located on the face, chest, belly, legs, and feet. Colors accepted are red, blue, or cream.~~

~~VAN BI-COLOR: White with color confined to the extremities: head, tail, and legs. One or two small colored patches on body allowable.~~

Bi-Color Class (including vans)

BLACK & WHITE: a combination of black and white, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

BLUE & WHITE: a combination of blue and white, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

RED & WHITE: a combination of red and white, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

CREAM & WHITE: a combination of cream and white, with or without white on face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

Parti-Color Class

TORTOISESHELL: black with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both the body and the extremities. Presence of several shades of red acceptable.

BLUE-CREAM: blue with patches of cream or softly intermingled areas of cream on both the body and the extremities.

Parti-Color & White Class

CALICO (including vans): white with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts.

DILUTE CALICO (including vans): white with unbrindled patches of blue and cream. White predominant on underparts.

TORTOISESHELL ~~WITH~~ & WHITE: color as defined for tortoiseshell with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

BLUE-CREAM ~~WITH~~ & WHITE: color as defined for blue-cream with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

RATIONALE: See Primary Rationale.

YES: 60

NO: 6

Auspitz: We're not trying to change this every year. We want it done in an orderly fashion. Some of these colors were separate, but that color with white was left somewhere else. It's very organized this way and will be very easy to follow. This follows a pattern which makes it (a) easier to judge, and (b) for the exhibitors to put them in the right class.

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

5. PROPOSED: to take the Shaded Colors, the Smoke Colors, and the Shaded & White, and the Smoke & White Colors from the Other Maine Coon Cat Colors Class and create a Shaded & Smoke Color Class and a Shaded/Smoke & White Color Class.

NOTE We are also including colors that are currently missing from our standard.

~~Other Maine Coon Cat Color Class~~

~~CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black to give the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black.~~

~~SHADED SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of black tipping shading down from sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. The general effect to be much darker than a chinchilla. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black.~~

~~SHELL CAMEO (red chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail to be sufficiently tipped with red to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face~~

and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest white. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.

~~SHADED-CAMEO (red shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of red tipping shading down the sides, face, and tail. Face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) to be white. The general effect to be much redder than the shell cameo. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.~~

~~BLACK-SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with black. Cat in repose appears black. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask black with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Light silver-frill and ear tufts. Nose leather and paw pads: black.~~

~~BLUE-SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask blue with narrow band of white hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. White frill and ear tufts. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.~~

~~CAMEO-SMOKE (red smoke): white undercoat, deeply tipped with red. Cat in repose appears red. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask red with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.~~

~~BLUE-CREAM-SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue, with clearly defined patches of cream as in the pattern of the blue-cream. Cat in repose appears blue-cream. In motion, the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face and ears blue-cream pattern with narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when the fur is parted. White ruff and ear tufts. Blaze of cream on face is desirable.~~

~~TORTIE-SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with black with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both the body and the extremities. The presence of several shades of red is acceptable. Cat in repose appears tortoiseshell. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face and ears tortoiseshell pattern with narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin that may be seen only when fur is parted. White ruff and ear tufts. Blaze of red or cream on face is desirable.~~

~~SMOKE & WHITE: Color as defined for smokes with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.~~

~~SHELL-CREAM: undercoat white, the coat on the back, flanks, head and tail to be lightly tipped with cream. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) to be white. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.~~

~~SHADED-CREAM: undercoat white with a mantle of cream shading down the sides, face and tail, face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) to be white. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.~~

~~SHELL-TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. The coat on the back, flanks and tail to be lightly tipped with black and shades of red. Face and legs may be lightly shaded with tipping.~~

~~Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to very lightly tipped with shading. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose to black, may also be patched.~~

~~SHADED TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. Mantle of black and red shading down the sides, face and tail. Face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to lightly tipped. The general effect is to be much darker than the shell tortoiseshell. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose to black, may also be patched.~~

~~SHELL BLUE CREAM: undercoat white. The coat on the back, flanks and tail to be lightly tipped with blue and shades of cream. Face and legs may be lightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to very lightly tipped with shading. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose to blue, may also be patched.~~

~~SHADED BLUE CREAM: undercoat white. Mantle of blue and cream shading down the sides, face and tail. Face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to lightly tipped. The general effect is to be much darker than the shell blue cream. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose to blue, may also be patched.~~

~~CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of black and shades of red. Black and red patches to have a white undercoat. White predominate on the underpants underparts of the cat.~~

~~DILUTE CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of blue and shades of cream. Blue and cream patches to have a white undercoat. White predominate on the underpants underparts of the cat.~~

~~CHINCHILLA SILVER & WHITE, SHADED SILVER & WHITE, SHELL/SHADED CAMEO & WHITE, SHELL/SHADED CREAM & WHITE, SHELL/SHADED CALICO, SHELL/SHADED DILUTE CALICO: white undercoat. Body color to conform to the established color descriptions. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: must conform to the accepted color descriptions. This color description also applies to the Van patterned cats of these chinchilla/shell/shaded colors.~~

Shaded & Smoke Color Class

CHINCHILLA SILVER: undercoat pure white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with black to give the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black.

SHADED SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of black tipping shading down from sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. The general effect to be much darker than a chinchilla. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with black. Nose leather: brick red. Paw pads: black.

CHINCHILLA BLUE SILVER: undercoat white. Coat on back, flanks, head, and tail sufficiently tipped with blue to give the characteristic sparkling silver appearance. Legs may be slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest, pure white. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. Nose leather and paw pads: rose desirable.

SHADED BLUE SILVER: undercoat white with a mantle of blue tipping shading down from sides, face, and tail from dark on the ridge to white on the chin, chest, stomach, and under the tail. Legs to be the same tone as the face. The general effect to be much darker than a blue chinchilla. Rims of eyes, lips, and nose outlined with blue. Nose leather and paw pads: rose desirable.

SHELL CAMEO (red chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on the back, flanks, head, and tail to be sufficiently tipped with red to give the characteristic sparkling appearance. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear tufts, stomach, and chest white. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.

SHADED CAMEO (red shaded): undercoat white with a mantle of red tipping shading down the sides, face, and tail. Face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) to be white. The general effect to be much redder than the shell cameo. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.

SHELL CREAM (Cream Chinchilla): undercoat white, the coat on the back, flanks, head and tail to be lightly tipped with cream. Face and legs may be very slightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) to be white. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.

SHADED CREAM: undercoat white with a mantle of cream shading down the sides, face and tail, face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) to be white. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.

SHELL TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. The coat on the back, flanks and tail to be lightly tipped with black and shades of red. Face and legs may be lightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to very lightly tipped with shading. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose to black, may also be patched.

SHADED TORTOISESHELL: undercoat white. Mantle of black and red shading down the sides, face and tail. Face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to lightly tipped. The general effect is to be much darker than the shell tortoiseshell. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose to black, may also be patched.

SHELL BLUE-CREAM: undercoat white. The coat on the back, flanks and tail to be lightly tipped with blue and shades of cream. Face and legs may be lightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to very lightly tipped with shading. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose to blue, may also be patched.

SHADED BLUE-CREAM: undercoat white. Mantle of blue and cream shading down the sides, face and tail. Face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to lightly tipped. The general effect is to be much darker than the shell blue-cream. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose to blue, may also be patched.

BLACK SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with black. Cat in repose appears black. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask black with narrow band of

white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Light silver frill and ear tufts. Nose leather and paw pads: black.

BLUE SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue. Cat in repose appears blue. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask blue with narrow band of white hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. White frill and ear tufts. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.

CAMEO SMOKE (red smoke): white undercoat, deeply tipped with red. Cat in repose appears red. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask red with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: rose.

CREAM SMOKE: Undercoat white, deeply tipped with cream. Cat in repose appears cream. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Points and mask cream with narrow band of white at base of hairs next to skin which may be seen only when fur is parted. Nose leather, rims of eyes and paw pads: pink desirable.

TORTIE SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with black with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both the body and the extremities. The presence of several shades of red is acceptable. Cat in repose appears tortoiseshell. In motion the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face and ears tortoiseshell pattern with narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin that may be seen only when fur is parted. White ruff and ear tufts. Blaze of red or cream on face is desirable.

BLUE-CREAM SMOKE: white undercoat, deeply tipped with blue, with clearly defined patches of cream as in the pattern of the blue-cream. Cat in repose appears blue-cream. In motion, the white undercoat is clearly apparent. Face and ears blue-cream pattern with narrow band of white at the base of the hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when the fur is parted. White ruff and ear tufts. Blaze of cream on face is desirable.

Shaded/Smoke & White Color Class (Including Vans)

~~CHINCHILLA SILVER & WHITE, SHADED SILVER & WHITE, SHELL/SHADED-CAMEO & WHITE, SHELL/SHADED CREAM & WHITE, SHELL/SHADED CALICO, SHELL/SHADED DILUTE CALICO: white undercoat. Body color to conform to the established color descriptions. This color description also applies to the Van patterned cats of these chinchilla/shell/shaded colors.~~

CHINCHILLA SILVER & WHITE: color as defined for chinchilla silver with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHADED SILVER & WHITE: color as defined for shaded silver with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

CHINCHILLA BLUE SILVER & WHITE: color as defined for chinchilla blue silver with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHADED BLUE SILVER & WHITE: color as defined for shaded blue silver with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHELL CAMEO (RED CHINCHILLA) & WHITE: color as defined for shell cameo with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHADED CAMEO (RED SHADED) & WHITE: color as defined for shaded cameo with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHELL CREAM & WHITE: (CREAM CHINCHILLA) & WHITE: color as defined for shell cream with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHADED CREAM & WHITE: color as defined for shaded cream with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHELL TORTOISESHELL & WHITE: color as defined for shell tortoiseshell with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHADED TORTOISESHELL & WHITE: color as defined for shaded tortoiseshell with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHELL CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of black and shades of red. The coat on the back, flanks and tail to be lightly tipped with black and shades of red. Face and legs may be lightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to very lightly tipped with shading. White predominate on the underparts of the cat.

SHADED CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of black and shades of red. Mantle of black and red shading down the sides, face and tail. Face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to lightly tipped. The general effect is to be much darker than the shell calico. White predominate on the underparts of the cat.

SHELL BLUE-CREAM & WHITE: color as defined for shell blue-cream with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

SHADED BLUE-CREAM & WHITE: color as defined for shaded blue-cream with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four feet.

SHELL DILUTE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of blue and shades of cream. The coat on the back, flanks and tail to be lightly tipped with blue and shades of cream. Face and legs may be lightly shaded with tipping. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to very lightly tipped with shading. White predominate on the underparts of the cat.

SHADED DILUTE CALICO: white with unbrindled patches of blue and shades of cream. Mantle of blue and cream shading down the sides, face and tail. Face and legs may be a deeper shading than the rest of the body. Chin, ear furnishings, stomach and chest (ruff) may be white to lightly tipped. The general effect is to be much darker than the shell dilute calico. White predominate on the underparts of the cat.

BLACK SMOKE & WHITE: color as defined for black smoke with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

BLUE SMOKE & WHITE: color as defined for blue smoke with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

CAMEO SMOKE (RED SMOKE) & WHITE: color as defined for cameo smoke with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

CREAM SMOKE & WHITE: color as defined for cream smoke with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

TORTIE SMOKE & WHITE: color as defined for tortie smoke with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

BLUE-CREAM SMOKE & WHITE: color as defined for blue cream smoke with or without white on the face. Must have white on bib, belly, and all four paws.

CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of black and shades of red. Black and red patches to have a white undercoat. White predominate on the underparts of the cat.

DILUTE CALICO SMOKE: white with unbrindled patches of blue and shades of cream. Blue and cream patches to have a white undercoat. White predominate on the underparts of the cat.

RATIONALE: See Primary Rationale.

YES: 58

NO: 9

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

MANX

Breed Council Secretary: J. Sandra Willen

Total Members: 42

Ballots Received: 27

60% of Voting: 17

1. PROPOSED: Remove tabby and whites from the Bi-Color and Other Manx Color Classes and put into a new Tabby & White color class. Amend the Bi-Color class to exclude the tabby & whites and add the smokes & whites.

Current Bi-Color Description:

Bi-Color: white with unbrindled patches of solid color - black, blue, red, or cream; white with mackerel or classic tabby patterns - brown, blue, red or cream; white with either classic or mackerel brown patched or blue patched tabbies. Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. All other recognized Manx colors with white to be shown in the OMC class. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button. Eye Color: brilliant copper, odd-eyed, or blue-eyed.

Proposed: Add the following color class description:

Tabby & White: white with mackerel or classic tabby patterns - silver, blue-silver, brown, blue, red, cream, cameo, or dilute cameo; white with either classic or mackerel brown patched, blue patched, silver patched or blue-silver patched tabbies. Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button. Eye Color: brilliant copper, odd-eyed, blue-eyed, green-eyed, hazel-eyed.

and modify Bi-Color to:

Bi-Color: white with unbrindled patches of solid color - black, blue, red, or cream, black smoke, blue smoke, red smoke, cream smoke; ~~white with mackerel or classic tabby patterns - brown, blue, red or cream; white with either classic or mackerel brown patched or blue patched tabbies.~~ Includes all expressions of the white spotting gene from low-white to van patterns. Other recognized Manx colors with white with the exception of those shown in the Calico/Tortoiseshell & White or Tabby & White class to be shown in the OMC class. Cats with no more than a locket and/or button do not qualify for this class. Such cats shall be judged in the color class of their basic color with no penalty for such locket and/or button. Eye Color: brilliant copper, odd-eyed, or blue-eyed.

And Add:

Color Class:

Long Hair

Tabby & White (includes vans): (CFA to assign class numbers) white with mackerel or classic tabby patterns - silver, blue-silver, brown, blue, red, cream, cameo, or dilute cameo; white with either classic or mackerel brown patched, blue patched tabbies, silver patched or blue-silver patched tabbies.

Short Hair

Tabby & White (includes vans): (CFA to assign class numbers) white with mackerel or classic tabby patterns - silver, blue-silver, brown, blue, red, cream, cameo, or dilute cameo; white with either classic or mackerel brown patched, blue patched tabbies, silver patched or blue-silver patched tabbies.

And Modify

Long Hair

Bi-Color: 1660..1661

~~(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White, Blue Tabby & White, Brown Tabby & White (classic, mackerel, patched, & van) Red Tabby & White, Cream Tabby & White (classic, mackerel & van)~~ solid color - black, blue, red, cream, black smoke, blue smoke, red smoke, cream smoke - with white.

Short Hair

Bi-Color: 0660..0661

~~(Red & White, Blue & White, Cream & White, Black & White, Blue Tabby & White, Brown Tabby & White (classic, mackerel, patched, & van) Red Tabby & White, Cream Tabby & White (classic, mackerel & van)~~ solid color - black, blue, red, cream, black smoke, blue smoke, red smoke, cream smoke - with white.

RATIONALE: The tabby & whites are generally the single largest color group shown in the Manx per year and should have a class of their own. Bringing the smoke & whites into the Bi-Color class from the Other Manx Color class will put the solid color bi-colors into one class rather than being spread out among two, and will help prevent confusion about what color class a ‘with white’ should belong to.

YES: 17

NO: 10

Wilson: The proposal does not include registration statistics. **DelaBar:** They are required to come forward with numbers.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed.

- 2. PROPOSED: Add the following language to the Eyes section, emphasizing that eye color is of extremely minor importance in the Manx breed and should not be used to eliminate from consideration for awards a Manx of otherwise good type.

Current Description:

EYES: large, round, and full. Set at a slight angle toward the nose (outer corners slightly higher than inner corners). Ideal eye color conforms to requirements of coat color.

Proposed:

EYES: large, round, and full. Set at a slight angle toward the nose (outer corners slightly higher than inner corners). Ideal eye color conforms to requirements of coat color, however, eye color is an extremely minor point in the Manx standard.

RATIONALE: Recently some exhibitors have reported instances of judges putting far more weight on eye color than our standard calls for. This is to emphasize that, while the eye color stated in our individual color standards, such as brilliant copper, is the ideal and is to be strived for in our breeding programs, cats not showing this ideal color should not automatically be eliminated from consideration for breed and finals awards if their type is otherwise worthy of such consideration.

YES: 15

NO: 12

BOARD ACTION: No Action.

OCICAT

Breed Council Secretary: Jacqui Bennett

Total Members: 40

Ballots Received: 26

60% of Voting: 16

1. PROPOSED: Delete the Dilute Spotted color class and in its place add Blue Spotted color class, Lavender Spotted color class and Fawn Spotted color class.

RATIONALE: Dilute spotted Oicats are being shown in greater numbers throughout CFA. Separating color classes will equalize competition among the colors of the breed, helping judges to recognize the nuances of the dilute colors.

Over the last several years, there has been a steady increase in the number of rings in which Oicats earned points in CFA shows, with numbers again up for the 2005-2006 show season. In 2002-2003, Oicats earned points in 2,613 rings. For the 2005-2006 show season, the Oicat earned points in 4,228 rings for an increase of 39%.

Of those Oicats being shown, dilute (fawn, lavender and blue) and dilute silver (fawn silver, lavender silver and blue silver) cats have represented an increasing portion. In 2002-03, dilute cats represented 2% of the rings earned, and dilute silvers represented 1%. For 2005-06, dilutes represented 5% of the rings earned, and dilute silvers represented 10%.

YES: 17

NO: 9

- Johnson** provided numbers of cats shown for the year: Blue – 10; Lavender – 28; Fawn – 14. These numbers are low, and the same for proposal #2. To create color classes for those numbers seems a little extravagant.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed.

2. PROPOSED: Delete the Dilute Silver Spotted color class and in its place add Blue Silver Spotted color class, Lavender Silver Spotted color class and Fawn Silver Spotted color class.

RATIONALE: Dilute silver spotted Oicats are being shown in greater numbers throughout CFA. Again, by competing in separate color classes the differences in the dilute silver colors will be recognized. Statistically, the proportion of dilute silver Oicats being exhibited has increased.

YES: 17

NO: 9

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed.

PERSIAN – GENERAL

Breed Council Secretary: Nancy Petersen

Total Members: 229

Ballots Received: 180

60% of Voting: 108

SECTION I:

1. Add the following sentence to the end of the description of the “HEAD:”

When viewed in profile, the prominence of the eyes is apparent and the forehead, nose, and chin appear to be in vertical alignment.

RATIONALE: The profile is a much-used term which is described often by breeders, exhibitors and judges and considered important, yet no description of it is provided for in the Persian standard.

YES: 144

NO: 32

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried.

SECTION III:

ADVISORY ITEM from the SELKIRK REX BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY

“The Selkirk Rex breed is asking for an outcross extension at this time of 5 years, which would extend it until 2015. Our breed has had very little growth in cats and breeders. We ask all breed council members to vote for this advisory item at this time. We have not created longhair curly Persians as feared when we initially asked for the outcross. Most breeders have worked towards creating a unique look that meets our standard, and we do discourage new breeders from emulating the extreme Persian look. Please support our request.”

COUNTERPOINT CONSIDERATIONS

- 5 years is sufficient time for a new “hybrid” breed to obtain outcrosses to maintain the health of their breed.
- Selkirk Rex should not need to continue outcrossing for type, as they should have been breeding true to type to be accepted in Championship status.
- Permitting outcrossing to Persians beyond the 5 years allows Selkirk Rex breeders the ability to avoid working towards a homozygous gene for their distinctive coat type, which may someday cause them to ask that their “typy straight-haired longhairs be registered as Persians.”

Do you wish the Selkirk Rex Breed Council be permitted to extend the deadline for outcrossing to the Persian breed?

YES: 67

NO: 105

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

PERSIAN – TABBY DIVISION

Breed Council Secretary: Nancy Petersen

Total Members: 35

Ballots Received: 32

60% of Voting: 20

1. Change name of color class 1354-1355 “CREAM CAMEO TABBY (classic, mackerel)” to “CREAM SILVER TABBY.” Color description would remain the same.

RATIONALE: The term “Cameo” refers to a red-tipped cat; by definition, a cat with such a cream tabby pattern (with white undercoat) would have cream tipping, not red. “Cream” and “Cameo” in this instance are antitheses. This color name change would be in line with the color as described in several other breed standards.

YES: 21

NO: 11

Anger: Cameo means red. You can't have a cream red. Cream cameo is an oxymoron.

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried..

RAGAMUFFIN

Breed Committee Chair: Laura Gregory

Total Members: 23

Ballots Received: 22

60% of Voting: 14

1. PRESENT: EYES: large, walnut shaped and expressive, moderately wide set, the eyes contribute to the characteristic sweet look. A slight oriental tip to the eye is acceptable. The more intense the eye color, the better. Lighter eye color in dilutes is allowed. Eye color requirements: minks-green, blue-green, turquoise, blue, odd-eyed; solids-all colors, including odd-eyed.

PROPOSED: EYES: large, walnut shaped and expressive, moderately wide set, the eyes contribute to the characteristic sweet look. A slight oriental tip to the eye is acceptable. The more intense the eye color, the better. Lighter eye color in dilutes is allowed. ~~Eye color requirements: minks-green, blue-green, turquoise, blue, odd-eyed; solids-all colors, including odd-eyed.~~ All eye colors are allowed, including odd-eyed. Exception: Mink colors must be aqua and Sepia colors must be gold.

RATIONALE: Several judges have recommended this change – as the present wording is confusing. This clears up that all colors, except mink/sepia, may have all eye colors (as before the word “solid” was inserted, implying only a designation on solid colors). Clarify that the only exceptions are that Mink is aqua and the Sepia is gold.

YES: 12

NO: 10

BOARD ACTION: No action.

2. PRESENT: EYES: large, walnut shaped and expressive, moderately wide set, the eyes contribute to the characteristic sweet look. A slight oriental tip to the eye is acceptable. The more intense the eye color, the better. Lighter eye color in dilutes is allowed. Eye color requirements: minks-green, blue-green, turquoise, blue, odd-eyed; solids-all colors, including odd-eyed.

PROPOSED: EYES: large, walnut shaped and expressive, moderately wide set, the eyes contribute to the characteristic sweet look. A slight oriental slant tip to the eye is acceptable. The more intense the eye color, the better. Lighter eye color in dilutes is allowed. Eye color requirements: minks-green, blue-green, turquoise, blue, odd-eyed; solids-all colors, including odd-eyed.

RATIONALE: Changing the word tip to slant is a better description and a more standard term.

YES: 21

NO: 1

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Cummings voting no.

RAGDOLL

Breed Council Secretary: Isabelle Bellavance

Total Members: 43

Ballots Received: 31

60% of Voting: 19

1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE RAGDOLL STANDARD

GENERAL: ~~the ideal Ragdoll is a medium to large, moderately longhaired, blue-eyed pointed cat. The point markings may be covered by a range of white overlay patterns. The head forms a broad, equilateral triangle, modified by a gently rounded muzzle. The eyes are large, vivid blue ovals. The rectangular body is large and long, broad and solid, with heavy-boning. It has moderately long legs, and a long plumed tail. The naturally non-matting, moderately long coat has abundant guard hairs, with minimal woolly undercoat, and flows with the body. The Ragdoll is bred to conform as perfectly as possible to the moderate type of the foundation cats. The Ragdoll is a very laid back cat. The ideal Ragdoll is a well balanced cat with no extreme features. They are a medium to large, moderately longhaired, blue-eyed pointed cat. The point markings may be covered by a range of white overlay patterns. Ragdolls are slow maturing, reaching full coat and color at about three years of age. The Ragdoll is an affectionate and intelligent cat, giving the impression of graceful movement and subdued power, striking in appearance.~~

RATIONALE: At the February 2006 Executive Committee Meeting, the Board of Directors (“Board”) suggested the removal of all reference to items described in the Ragdoll Standard from the General description due to redundancy. The above-captioned is submitted per the Board’s instructions.

YES: 25

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE HEAD DESCRIPTION OF THE RAGDOLL STANDARD

POINT SCORE

HEAD (40)

Large, broad, modified wedge that is equilateral triangle in shape 20

HEAD: size and shape: proportionately large, ~~with a~~ broad, modified wedge that is equilateral in shape ~~Triangular shaped~~, where all sides are of equal length as measured from the outside of the base of the ear to the end of the gently rounded muzzle. Appearance of a flat plane between ears. Cheeks in line with wedge. Allow for jowls in adult males. When whiskers and fur are smoothed back, the underlying bone structure is apparent.

RATIONALE: It is felt that the new wording of a broad, modified wedge that is equilateral in shape more accurately describes the Ragdoll head, and is in line with the description of the

ears and eyes, both of which use the term WEDGE. It is believed that the new wording will give a better picture to the judges of the Ragdoll head shape.

Under EYES: In our Ragdoll standard it states: Large, vivid blue ovals. Wide set and moderately slanted, complementing WEDGE.

Under EARS: In our Ragdoll standard it states: medium-sized, wide set and moderately flared, continuing the line of WEDGE.

YES: 28

NO: 3

Miller: “Equilateral” is normally a description of a type of triangle. They should be saying “modified wedge that is an equilateral triangle in shape”. **Eigenhauser:** Ragdoll carries a connotation of triangular, so it’s redundant to say triangle twice. **Wilson:** A triangle is flat; a wedge is three-dimensional. Most cats have three-dimensional heads, so I like the fact that they took triangle out.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Miller voting no.

3. DEFINING OF AOV COLORS:

Under ‘Ragdoll Color Class numbers’, under ‘AOV’, please ADD:

For mitted and colorpoint patterns in already accepted colors.

RATIONALE: As per the Breeds and Standards Committee recommendation, to limit and identify what is included in the AOV class.

YES: 27

NO: 2

Wilson: We talked about this last year at the breed council secretaries’ meeting with the board. This is the only breed that took it upon themselves to define what they meant by AOV.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried.

4. PROPOSAL FOR STANDARD DESCRIPTION OF MITTED AND COLORPOINT PATTERNS:

Under ‘Ragdoll Colors’, after the paragraph describing ‘VAN Pattern’ and before the one describing ‘Colors’, ADD:

COLORPOINT PATTERN (AOV): Points: Ears, mask, feet and tail to be darker, with well-defined color. Nose leather and pawpads: Fully pigmented and matching point color. Body: Definite contrast between body and points, chest, bib and chin areas may be somewhat lighter in color. Disqualify: presence of any locket or white spot anywhere on cat’s body.

MITTED PATTERN (AOV): Points: Legs (except for feet), ears, mask, and tail well-defined. May have a white blaze in the shape of a star, diamond, hour-glass or line in one patch or broken, centrally and symmetrically located anywhere from the top of the nose leather to the forehead. Chin must be white and extend into white belly stripe. Front feet: White mittens present on both feet, evenly matched, preferably going up to and around the

wrist joint. Back Legs: White must go up to and around the hocks entirely, extending no higher than mid-thigh. Nose leather: Fully pigmented and matching point color. Pawpads: pink but may show minor spotting of color corresponding to point color. Body: Definite contrast between body and points. There should be a white belly stripe, varying in width from the bib, between the forelegs down the midline of the underside of the cat. Soft shadings of color are allowed on body. Allowance to be made for faint ghost markings on kittens. Full color achieved after 2 years of age. Disqualify: Absence of white chin.

RATIONALE: If judges are to handle and evaluate the AOV class, it is important they have a description of what the ideal should be. Considering that this may be a first introduction to this pattern, in assessing if the cats presented fit the standard and if these colors/patterns are different and unique, they need to be defined in an official CFA medium. There have been precedents where descriptions of AOV colors have been described in a breed's standard.

YES: 27

NO: 4

Wilson: The feeling has been not to include descriptions for AOVs in the standards. They are moving towards showing these cats. **Newkirk:** When we first accepted Ragdolls, some of the judges thought the mitted was a bi-color. This is basically descriptions of patterns. Many AOVs are colors that are not acceptable or coat length that is not acceptable – some physical feature. That is significant. We already set the precedent when we put the AOV Tonks in the breed standard. **DelaBar:** This is not only for the breeders; it also instructs and informs the judges of what we are looking at on the judge's stand.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Wilson and Angell voting no.

5. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GENERATIONS REQUIRED TO CROSS REGISTER:

Under 'Registration Rules': that it be required to provide a 5 generation pedigree from another recognized association in order to cross register a Ragdoll with CFA.

RATIONALE: Between 1999 and 2005, registration reports published in the CFA Almanac, show that there have been over 5,335 Ragdolls individually registered in CFA, indicating a strong base for a gene pool. For the last two years, Ragdolls have been in the 6th position in terms of popularity based on registration figures in CFA. At the moment, only a 3 generation certified pedigree is required to cross-register a Ragdoll in CFA from another registry. Although increasing the number of required generations may increase the cost and deter some people from cross-registering, this would bring the Ragdoll breed to the same level of standard requirement as most of the other breeds in CFA. It would also protect, at least to some degree, from the more liberal registration practices of other registries. This form of protection may actually appeal to the vast majority of breeders in other registries who do not approve of the 'novel' and 'designer' colors being created in other registries, just because they can.

YES: 11

NO: 18

BOARD ACTION: No Action.

6. INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GENERATIONS REQUIRED TO CROSS REGISTER: (as an alternative to Proposal #5, should it fail)

Under 'Registration Rules': that it be required to provide a 4 generation certified pedigree from another recognized association in order to cross register a Ragdoll with CFA.

RATIONALE: This is offered as a middle of the road alternative to Proposal #5, should it fail. The idea is to preserve our breed and protect it from more liberal breeding practices of other registries.

YES: 9

NO: 21

BOARD ACTION: No Action.

SELKIRK REX

Elected Breed Council Secretary: Debi Kallmeyer

Total Members: 19

Ballots Received: 17

60% of Voting: 11

1. PROPOSED: Change the following REGISTRATION description to allow a Selkirk Rex to be imported and registered as a Selkirk Rex from any association with an official registration slip from that association and without a certified pedigree:

Section 3.1: “Under certain circumstances, a cat registered with another recognized association may be eligible for CFA registration without prior CFA litter registration by the breeder.”

Under this section, we would like to ask that any Selkirk Rex cat registered in any other certified association be eligible to be registered in CFA as a Selkirk Rex for exhibition as well as breeding purposes. This becomes, in essence, a zero generation pedigree requirement.

RATIONALE: Selkirks were discovered in Montana via a barn cat. Currently, there are breeders around the world, all working to produce cats with substantial boning and marvelous curls. There are breeders in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, England, Austria, South Africa, Spain, etc. registering their cats in a variety of associations, including TICA, ACFA, GCCF and FIFe. Each organization is working with the same outcross breeds that CFA allows, and they are working with essentially the same standard.

Because of some of the limitations of CFA and some registration rules, we find ourselves in a situation where we will soon not be able to keep up genetically with the breeders elsewhere, as they have access to outcross lines that, while they are the same breed, are not allowed by the CFA breed councils. We cannot change those breed councils and the way they choose to restrict their breeds, nor would we wish to. However, we would like the opportunity to access the variety of outcross lines that breeders in other associations and countries have. The CATS registry is a step in the right direction, but it still limits a cat entered into the registry as a breeder cat only. In addition, because of the rules of registration by certified pedigree, it is possible that cats imported from other countries and other associations would not be eligible to be registered under those rules. During the initial process of registration, miscellaneous, provisional and including championship, there are TICA and ACFA breeders who registered cats and litters with CFA. Therefore, they are now CFA breeders, and their cats would be ineligible for registration by certified pedigree (“The sire or dam is not CFA litter or individually registered, AND The breeder is not currently a CFA registered breeder”).

With the current rules, someone who exported a cat to another country might be unable to acquire an offspring a couple of generations away from that original cat, a cat that might contribute significantly to the long-term viability and the Selkirk Rex breed type in CFA because of its genetic diversity.

This proposed registration rule change would potentially give breeders in other associations and countries incentive to register and show their cats in CFA, since the impediment of a number of generations would be removed.

YES: 14

NO: 3

Wilson: Their allowable outcross breeds are British Shorthairs, Persians or Exotics. For kittens born on or after January 1, 2010, only Selkirk Rex or British Shorthair. **Shaffer:** What is the current requirement to import a Selkirk Rex? **Donna Bass:** Three generations of approved CFA cats. **Angell:** In other words, British Shorthairs that are not pointed. **Newkirk:** CFA British Shorthairs don't allow pointed cats, but the Selkirk does. If they import a cat that carries that pointed gene, it shouldn't matter because they accept the pointed gene. **Eigenhauser:** The Persian breed Council voted against extending the outcross deadline to Selkirks. This proposal puts less pressure on the existing breeds if we allow a more liberal importation policy. **Kusy:** You say "under certain circumstances" but you don't really define what the circumstances are. **Bass:** That's directly from the Rules for Registration. We want Selkirk Rex that are registered in other associations to be brought in and be showable. We have shipped Selkirk Rex to other countries, but we can't bring them back because of the cats they might have used for outcrosses. By using the zero generation or certified registration slip from another association, we could import those cats without worrying about violating the British Shorthair Breed Council's requirement on colors. **Cummings:** Wouldn't those cats be eligible to be registered in our Cat Ancestral Tracking System? **Bass:** Right, but they would not be able to be shown. Coming in with a certified registration form, they can be shown with the CATS registry. If we have a good example from Europe that has a totally different British Shorthair or Exotic from lines that we're not using here, it would give our gene pool more diversity.

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried. Barnaby voting no.

2. PROPOSED: Change the following color class descriptions as indicated:

CURRENT:

RED: Deep, clear, without markings or ticking. Lips and chin same as coat. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.

CREAM: One level shade, without markings, lighter shades preferred. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

RED TABBY: Ground color red. Markings deep, rich red. Lips and chin red. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.

CREAM TABBY: Ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

TORTOISESHELL: Black mottled with red and/or cream. Blaze on face is desirable.

BLUE-CREAM: Blue mottled or patched with cream. Blaze on face is desirable.

CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL: Rich chestnut brown mottled or patched with red and/or cream. Blaze on face is desirable.

LAVENDER-CREAM: Lavender mottled or patched with cream. Blaze on face is desirable.

CALICO: White with unbrindled patches of black and red. White predominant on underparts. Any combination of dominant colors of solid, tabby, smoke or shaded and white. Also colorpoint.

DILUTE CALICO: White with unbrindled patches of dilute colors in solid, tabby, smoke or shaded. White predominant on underparts. Also colorpoint.

VAN DILUTE CALICO: White cat with unbrindled patches of dilute colors in solid, tabby, smoke or shaded. Color confined to the extremities; head, tail, legs. One or two small patches of color on body allowable. Also colorpoint.

PROPOSED:

~~RED/RED TABBY: Deep, clear, Ground color deep, with or without tabby markings or ticking. Lips and chin same as coat. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.~~

~~CREAM/CREAM TABBY: One level shade, without markings, lighter shades preferred, Warm cream, with or without tabby markings or ticking. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.~~

~~RED TABBY: Ground color red. Markings deep, rich red. Lips and chin red. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.~~

~~CREAM TABBY: Ground color, including lips and chin, very pale cream. Markings buff or cream sufficiently darker than the ground color to afford good contrast but remaining within the dilute color range. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.~~

~~TORTOISESHELL: Black mottled with red and/or cream. Red areas may or may not show tabby markings. Blaze on face is desirable.~~

~~BLUE-CREAM: Blue mottled or patched with cream. Cream areas may or may not show tabby markings. Blaze on face is desirable.~~

~~CHOCOLATE TORTOISESHELL: Rich chestnut brown mottled or patched with red and/or cream. Red areas may or may not show tabby markings. Blaze on face is desirable.~~

~~LAVENDER-CREAM: Lavender mottled or patched with cream. Cream areas may or may not show tabby markings. Blaze on face is desirable.~~

~~CALICO: White with unbrindled patches of black and red. Red areas may or may not show tabby markings. White predominant on underparts. Any combination of dominant colors of solid, tabby, smoke or shaded and white. Also colorpoint.~~

~~DILUTE CALICO: White with unbrindled patches of dilute colors in solid, tabby, smoke or shaded. Cream patches may or may not show tabby markings. White predominant on underparts. Also colorpoint.~~

~~VAN DILUTE CALICO: White cat with unbrindled patches of dilute colors in solid, tabby, smoke or shaded (see DILUTE CALICO). Color confined to the extremities; head, tail, legs. One or two small patches of color on body allowable. Also colorpoint.~~

~~RATIONALE: (for all comments, red/red tabby includes cream/cream tabby)~~

~~The following show rules indicate that there is a difference between a red and a red tabby (different color and/or pattern). A red cat that is shown while registered as a red solid and~~

then is determined to be a red tabby will lose any points/titles, etc. it might have received as a red.

“Rule 2.08. A cat that has been confirmed a Champion, Grand Champion, Premier or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern. It may be shown in the Open Class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted.

“Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete in the Open Class.

“4.03. It is the responsibility of the owner to show a cat or kitten in its correct competitive category, class and color class and correct color/pattern description.

“11.03. It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under its exact registered name, registered ownership, exact color/tabby pattern, and when required, registration number.

“11.05. It is the responsibility of the owner to show a cat in its correct competitive category, class and color class and color and/or pattern.”

Genetically, all cats are tabbies. The dominant gene in cats that affects the appearance of a tabby pattern is called “agouti” and when present, the tabby pattern is shown. The recessive “non-agouti” gene, when homozygous for the non-agouti gene, produces a solid color pattern.

Thus, a red cat with the clearest tabby pattern could, in fact, be genetically a solid. A red cat with not a speck of any tabby pattern could, in fact, be a red tabby. The phenotype may not be the correct genotype when red/red tabby are involved. The only way to be sure of the solid/tabby pattern is to breed the animal and see what the offspring show. A red solid that throws tabby kittens when bred to solids must be a tabby despite the lack of striping on that cat.

Because of the rules listed above, a cat registered and shown as a red solid could lose all its titles, points, etc. if, after breeding, it is determined to be a tabby. The same with the red tabby/solid. Of course, this presumes that the owners/breeders want to register their animals under the genetically correct color.

In our breed, color is worth only 1 point. We wish to make sure that our cats are registered as their genetically correct colors despite what may be phenotypically obvious. When a solid color sire mates with a solid color tortie (not a torbie or patched tabby), the red offspring resulting cannot be a tabby, despite what the pattern may appear to be. By combining red/red tabby as one color, we avoid the issue of having to re-register a cat at some later time and losing the awards, titles and points it might have earned originally.

YES: 17

NO: 0

Bass: A red solid cat could actually genetically be a red tabby and vice versa. We are required to register the cat as the correct color. If we were breeding for color, then this would

obviously be an issue, but we are not breeding for color. By combining the red and red tabby, a cat could be registered as a red and still have stripes, spots, blotches, and not be disqualified under Rule 28.15(b).

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

3. PROPOSED: [Advisory Item] Change the Persian and Exotic Shorthair cut-off date to 2015.

CURRENT CUT-OFF DATE:

2010

RATIONALE: The Selkirk Rex remains a minority breed, both in registration numbers as well as the number of breeders. The number of registered cats each year since the advancement into championship are:

2005 – 242
2004 – 216
2003 – 191
2002 – 185
2001 – 155
2000 – 154

The breed growth is only slight. We do not yet have enough genetic diversity to support the cut-off of two breeds in 3 years' time. The outcross extension at this time would allow us to utilize the British Shorthair only until 2015, which may result in our breed resembling this one remaining outcross.

YES: 11

NO: 6

Bass: This proposal attempts to combine the best of the Persian and British Shorthair to bring the two breeds into alignment so that we don't have cats that look too much like one or the other. If we cut off one outcross too early, they will look more one way than the other. **Johnson:** The Persians didn't want them to extend the cut-off. Can we change it to be Exotics until 2015? **Wilson:** The Persians counter-pointed that 5 years is sufficient time for a new hybrid breed to obtain outcrosses to maintain the health of the breed. Selkirk Rex should not need to continue outcrossing for type, as they should have been breeding true to type to be given championship status. Permitting outcrossing to Persians beyond the 5 years allows Selkirk Rex breeders the ability to working towards a homozygous gene for their distinctive coat type. **Newkirk:** I don't understand how allowing them five more years is going to cause harm to the Persian breed.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Barnaby, Angell and Wilson voting no.

SIAMESE

Breed Council Secretary: Debbi Stevenson

Total Members: 133

Ballots Received: 95

60% of Voting: 57

1. QUESTION: Should cross-registration (defined as allowing kittens from the same litter to be registered as two different breeds) be allowed in CFA as a general registration policy?

YES: 21

NO: 71

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

2. QUESTION: Should cross-registration (defined as above) be allowed for AOVs resembling Siamese that originate in the Balinese, CPSH, ORSh, ORL or Javanese breeds?

RATIONALE: This year's ballots for the ORS/ORL and Balinese Breed Councils contain issues that needs to be addressed by the Siamese Breed Council. The Breed Councils of the before mentioned breeds wish to combine Colorpoint Shorthairs, Balinese, Javanese and Oriental Longhairs, and are attempting to do so with for the reasons given below.

Both BC ballots state that breeders are flocking to other associations to register and show their cats (no statistics were provided) and that by allowing LH Oriental AOVs to be shown and registered as Javanese and Balinese, and SH Oriental AOVs to be shown and registered as Colorpoint Shorthairs, the problem will be solved, and CFA will be saved. The ballot also states that the four Siamese colors will be excluded from this cross registration, attempting to sidestep this issue and diffuse the response from the Siamese Breed Council. Of course, should this new policy of cross-registration be accepted, there would be no way that Siamese or any other breed will be excepted from this change. It will mean a totally new CFA, a CFA that has more in common with TICA than the with the strong pedigree based organization that CFA exhibitors, breeders and clubs have supported for the past hundred years.

The purpose for putting this on the Siamese Ballot is to inform you of what could be an issue for the Siamese. If cross-registration is approved for these breeds this year, a similar proposal for registering pointed OSH as Siamese next year could be approved the following year.

The rationale provided by both above BCS used the Balinese registration policies in an attempt to prove that CFA registration policies are already in place allowing a litter to be registered as two breeds. The implication is that the Balinese registration policy is universal and allows for "cross-registering" in between any two breeds.

The Balinese is considered a mutation by CFA. Whether it is or not is probably debatable, but currently longhaired Siamese born in litters where both parents are Siamese can be registered as Balinese (although to date only one such longhair kitten has been registered as a Balinese). Shorthaired kittens born in litters where one parent or both parents are Balinese cannot and never were allowed to be registered as Siamese. Therefore no cross-registration ever existed, as the above BC's claim.

They go even further, stating, "This type of policy (that they are proposing) leaves intact the individual breeds (Oriental, Balinese, Javanese, and Colorpoint Shorthair) as well as their

breed identities and their individual Breed Councils. In no way is it a merge of any breed to become part of any other breed...”. This part of the rationale makes no sense, as of course breed identities, which depend on pedigrees that trace ancestries, will become blurred if cats are being registered by color and coat length instead of parentage. CFA does not register cats by what they look like. We have a genetically based registry, which follows the ancestors of the cat. TICA or other associations may well value a proposal like this one, but CFA and its members have voted several times in favor of a pedigree based registry. What these two BCS are proposing is contrary to everything CFA stands for.

Should this proposal get accepted it would change CFA forever. I believe that this proposal violates the core of CFA registration policy and that it may be declared out of order. Still, as it would potentially allow shorthair Balinese AOVs, pointed OSH AOVs, AOV CPSH and AOV Javanese to be registered as Siamese it needs to be brought to the attention of the Breed Council.

Most of the above rationale could be argued, including the part referring to the flight of breeders to other associations. (The following statistics were taken from websites of cats scored through August of this year: CFA has scored over 500 cats, and has no overlap of breeds. TICA has scored only 74 and has overlaps in “Siamese”, ORS, Balinese, CPSH and Javanese. So, to quote Kris Willison, “Just what registry are all these AOV Orientals flocking to Bass?!”) However the part that most concerns this breed council is whether or not cross-registration is a legitimate registration policy for this association to pursue. Therefore I have drafted two questions for our ballot asking for your opinion on this matter.

Please return them to Central Office within the required timeframe.

YES: 21

NO: 71

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

SIBERIAN

Breed Committee Chair: Pamela A. Martin

Total Members: 10

Ballots Received: 7

60% of Voting: 5

This is the first year that the RagaMuffins will be eligible to apply for advancement to Provisional Status. This poll has been developed to find out how the Siberian Breed Council feels about the advancement of the RagaMuffin.

Some Information to think about from 'DEFINITION OF A BREED' (copied from <http://www.cfainc.org/breeds/breed-definition.html>):

"The Breed Councils were given three opportunities to provide input to us on an overall CFA breed policy. Each time, they told us (BOD) by a resounding majority that they wanted CFA to remain a conservative registry that maintains the right of your own breed to be unique on the show bench and in the eyes of the public. The key word in this statement is 'remain'."

1. Do you believe that the RagaMuffin is a unique breed?

YES: 1

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

2. Does the RagaMuffin look too much like a Siberian?

YES: 5

NO: 2

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

3. Does the RagaMuffin Standard define a unique cat?

YES: 2

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

4. Should the RagaMuffins be allowed to use the Siberian as an outcross for their breed?

YES: 1

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

5. Have judges told you that the RagaMuffins look like Siberians or vice versa?

YES: 4

NO: 2

BOARD ACTION: Information Only.

SINGAPURA

Breed Council Secretary: Michael Barber

Total Members: 10

Ballots Received: 8

60% of Voting: 5

1. PROPOSED: From the GENERAL section of the standard, add “in proportion to their head” after “noticeably large eyes and ears.” The standard would read as follows:

GENERAL: the appearance of an alert healthy small to medium sized muscular bodied cat with noticeably large eyes and ears in proportion to their head. Cat to have the illusion of refined delicate coloring.

RATIONALE: Adding the phrase “in proportion to their head” provides a point of measurement. Adding this phrase will help clarify that the Singapura is not expected to physically have the largest eyes and ears in the cat fancy, but only in proportion to their head size.

YES: 6

NO: 2

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

SPHYNX

Breed Council Secretary: Tom Lewis

Total Members: 35

Ballots Received: 25

60% of Voting: 15

Tom Lewis: We're asking for color classes which are actually groups of patterns. Tabby does not express very well in the breed. To put the tabbies with the OSC and having cats with white being in the bi-color class seems to be the best avenue. **Miller:** Because there are no points on color for the Sphynx, it seems the main reason for separating color classes is to have fairness in judging. Proposal #2 seems to make sense best because it gives a balance. I do think it's time to separate the Sphynx into divisions. They are really growing and we should encourage them to have color classes. **Newkirk:** I prefer Proposal #1 because they're going to come back and ask for a tabby class. We ought to give it to them now. **Lewis:** What needs to happen before we do that is education. We're not a color breed. **Eigenhauser:** The way the numbers are today, Proposal #2 is the better choice.

- 1. Would you like to see the board amend Article XXXII, CHAMPIONSHIP BREEDS/DIVISIONS & COLOR CLASSES, para. 32.01, SPHYNX, to include four color classes?

Current:

SPHYNX

All Championship Colors5100 5101
(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)

Proposed:

SPHYNX

Solid Colors5000 5001
(black, blue, red, cream, chocolate, lavender, cinnamon, fawn)

Tabby Colors.....5044 5045
(any brown, blue, red, cream, chocolate, lavender, cinnamon, fawn tabby inc. those colors in silver and all patterns classic, mackerel, spotted, ticked or patched)

Bi-Colors.....5060 5061
(any color or pattern with white)

OSC (Other Sphynx Colors)5090 5091
(anything not above, to include parti-colors, pointed, mink, sepia, smokes, shadeds, etc.)

RATIONALE: The Sphynx breed has steadily increased in popularity. Overall numbers in the show ring have increased nearly 300% since entering its first year in competition. The breed is currently ranked 10th in registrations and 17th in the show ring.

YES: 16

NO: 8

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed. Newkirk, Cummings and Kusy voting yes.

2. Should the board feel there are not enough numbers to warrant 4 color classes, would you like to see the board amend Article XXXII, CHAMPIONSHIP BREEDS/DIVISIONS & COLOR CLASSES, para. 32.01, SPHYNX, to include three color classes? Note: To be withdrawn if the board passes Question 1.

Current:

SPHYNX

All Championship Colors5100 5101
(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)

Proposed:

SPHYNX

Solid Colors5000 5001
(black, blue, red, cream, chocolate, lavender, cinnamon, fawn)

Bi-Colors.....5060 5061
(any color or pattern with white)

OSC (Other Sphynx Colors).....5090 5091
(anything not above, to include tabbies, parti-colors, pointed, mink, sepia, smokes, shadeds, etc.)

RATIONALE: The Sphynx breed has steadily increased in popularity. Overall numbers in the show ring have increased nearly 300% since entering its first year in competition. The breed is currently ranked 10th in registrations and 17th in the show ring. Should the board feel there isn't enough justification for four color classes, we would like them to have the option of three color classes.

YES: 18

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Baugh voting no.

3. Should the board feel there are not enough numbers to warrant 3 color classes, would you like to see the board amend Article XXXII, CHAMPIONSHIP BREEDS/DIVISIONS & COLOR CLASSES, para. 32.01, SPHYNX, to include two color classes? Note: To be withdrawn if the board passes Question 1 or 2.

Current:

SPHYNX

All Championship Colors5100 5101
(All accepted colors as defined in the Show Standards.)

Proposed:

SPHYNX

Bi-Colors.....5060 5061
(any color or pattern with white)

OSC (Other Sphynx Colors)..... 5090 5091

(anything not above, to include solids, tabbies, parti-colors, pointed, mink, sepia, smokes, shadeds, etc.)

RATIONALE: The Sphynx breed has steadily increased in popularity. Overall numbers in the show ring have increased nearly 300% since entering its first year in competition. The breed is currently ranked 10th in registrations and 17th in the show ring. Should the board feel there isn't enough justification for three color classes, we would like them to have the option of two color classes.

YES: 14

NO: 10

BOARD ACTION: No action.

4. Modify the General paragraph by removing the detailed description of the head and placing it in the Head paragraph. Note: This goes hand-in-hand with Item 5 and should Item 5 not pass the board, the description must remain in the General paragraph.

Current: GENERAL: the most distinctive feature of this cat is its appearance of hairlessness. The Sphynx is of medium size and body conformation with surprising weight for its size. Females are generally smaller than males. The head shape is a modified wedge, with prominent cheekbones and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle. The body feels warm and soft to the touch, with a skin texture akin to either a soft peach or a smooth nectarine. The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, and amenable to handling.

Proposed: GENERAL: the most distinctive feature of this cat is its appearance of hairlessness. The Sphynx is of medium size and body conformation with surprising weight for its size. Females are generally smaller than males. ~~The head shape is a modified wedge, with prominent cheekbones and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle.~~ The body feels warm and soft to the touch, with a skin texture akin to either a soft peach or a smooth nectarine. The Sphynx is sweet-tempered, lively, and amenable to handling.

YES: 18

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

5. Modify the Head paragraph by inserting the descriptive phrases removed from the General paragraph. It should be noted that there have been absolutely no changes in the look of the Sphynx. This is a housekeeping change to put the descriptive phrases concerning the Sphynx head under the appropriate paragraph.

Current: HEAD: the head is slightly longer than it is wide, with prominent cheekbones and a distinctive whisker break. The skull is slightly rounded with a flat plane in front of the ears. The nose is straight and there is a slight to moderate palpable stop at the bridge of the nose.

Proposed: Current: HEAD: the head is a modified wedge, slightly longer than it is wide, with prominent cheekbones ~~and~~ a distinctive whisker break and whisker pads giving a squared appearance to the muzzle. The skull is slightly rounded with a flat plane in front of the ears. The nose is straight and there is a slight to moderate palpable stop at the bridge of the nose.

YES: 20

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

TURKISH ANGORA

Breed Council Secretary: B. Iris Tanner

Total Members: 43

Ballots Received: 35

60% of Voting: 21

1. PROPOSED: From the BODY section of the standard, REMOVE the sentence “Torso long and slender” and REPLACE it with the following:

“Body is long and slender, possessing greater depth than width, oval rather than round (not tubular).”

CURRENT:

BODY: medium size, however, overall balance, grace and fineness of bone are more important than actual size. Males may be slightly larger than females. Torso long and slender. Shoulders the same width as hips. Rump slightly higher than shoulders. Finely boned with firm muscularity.

PROPOSED:

BODY: medium size, however, overall balance, grace and fineness of bone are more important than actual size. Males may be slightly larger than females. ~~Torso long and slender.~~ Body is long and slender, possessing greater depth than width, oval rather than round (not tubular). Shoulders the same width as hips. Rump slightly higher than shoulders. Finely boned with firm muscularity.

RATIONALE: This is intended to clarify the differences between the Turkish Angora and Oriental body type. The two breeds are indeed similar in body and both are often described with the word “tubular”; however, there is an important yet subtle difference in shape. The oval body of the Turkish Angora is what is often called “foreign” type and the Breed Council believes a more accurate description would prevent any confusion with the Oriental-style cats.

YES: 30

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried.

2. PROPOSED: Insert a new paragraph following the heading “TURKISH ANGORA COLORS” and before the first color description, to read as follows:

GENERAL: As this breed has a small gene pool and is bred more for type than color, all colors are considered to be of equal value. Color faults such as leg barring on shaded cats, or tabby markings on smoke cats may often be present in younger cats but will gradually fade because of the way colors develop and are expressed.”

AND delete the following text, which appears in between the Red and Classic Tabby descriptions:

Note: tabby markings are frequently present on younger smokes and should not be penalized in those under 1 year of age.

CURRENT:

TURKISH ANGORA COLORS

WHITE: pure white, no other coloring. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. Nose leather: black. Paw pads: black or brown.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred. One level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red; without shading, markings, or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.

Note: tabby markings are frequently present on younger smokes and should not be penalized in those under 1 year of age.

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined. . . etc.

PROPOSED:

TURKISH ANGORA COLORS

GENERAL: As this breed has a small gene pool and is bred more for type than color, all colors are considered to be of equal value. Color faults such as leg barring on shaded cats, or tabby markings on smoke cats may often be present in younger cats but will gradually fade because of the way colors develop and are expressed.

WHITE: pure white, no other coloring. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

BLACK: dense coal black, sound from roots to tip of fur. Free from any tinge of rust on tips or smoke undercoat. Nose leather: black. Paw pads: black or brown.

BLUE: blue, lighter shade preferred. One level tone from nose to tip of tail. Sound to the roots. A sound darker shade is more acceptable than an unsound lighter shade. Nose leather and paw pads: blue.

CREAM: one level shade of buff cream without markings. Sound to the roots. Lighter shades preferred. Nose leather and paw pads: pink.

RED: deep, rich, clear, brilliant red; without shading, markings, or ticking. Lips and chin the same color as coat. Nose leather and paw pads: brick red.

~~Note: tabby markings are frequently present on younger smokes and should not be penalized in those under 1 year of age.~~

CLASSIC TABBY PATTERN: markings dense, clearly defined. . . etc.

RATIONALE: Many Turkish Angora breeders are now actively working to develop new colors, such as the smoke and shadeds. The way these colors are expressed in our breed is different from how they appear in the Persian because of the single-layer coat. In the last few years, we have noticed an increasing amount of time spent clarifying color issues in the

judging ring, leading some breeders to believe that less time is being spent evaluating type, which has much greater weight in our standard (color is only 5 points). We added a note to address color faults in our smokes two years ago but now feel that it would be better to remove it and combine it with a broader introductory note clarifying how we believe color should be assessed in this breed. This note should provide valuable guidance for breeders working with newer colors, and enable judges to increase their focus on those portions of the standard that carry greater weight.

YES: 26

NO: 8

Eigenhauser: I have a problem with “as this breed has a small gene pool.” That should be in rationale and not part of the judging standard. We’re not worried about the size of the gene pool when we’re judging a cat.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed.

3. PROPOSED: Amend the current Rules for Registration applicable specifically to the Turkish Angora by removing ticked tabby from the list of colors in the “DO NOT ACCEPT” category and adding it to the AOV category, along with ticked tabby and white. This would allow ticked tabbies to be registered with the existing AOV numbers, 1898-1899, and shown in the AOV class.

CURRENT:

REGISTER AS AOV:

(blank)

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background)

Chocolate, lilac, chocolate/lilac and white, lavender, pointed, ticked tabby, Shorthair

PROPOSED:

REGISTER AS AOV:

Ticked tabby, ticked tabby with white, in all currently recognized tabby colors as well as those colors with white

DO NOT ACCEPT (cat to be registered or cats in background)

Chocolate, lilac, chocolate/lilac and white, lavender, pointed, ~~ticked tabby~~ Shorthair

RATIONALE: Ticked tabbies occasionally occur in Turkish Angoras with many generations of pure Turkish Angora ancestry. They are recognized and registered in some of the European associations, and are starting to show up in the pedigrees of cats imported from Europe. Although current CFA registration rules for this breed state that they cannot be registered, these rules have not been consistently enforced. Rather than seeing the registrations of any cats revoked, and having valuable European lines cut off from our gene pool, we would like to modify the registration rules and allow this color to enter CFA at the AOV level.

With regard to the hybridization issue, our standard excludes cats showing evidence of hybridization from showing in the championship OTAC (Other Turkish Angora Colors) class but we do not believe this should necessarily exclude them from AOV registration, given the size of our gene pool and the fact that some of these colors appear to have been part of it for many generations. Evidence exists that the ticked tabby allele is an ancient allele in the domestic cat, if not arguably “wild type” for our species. It has been found in the Burmese and Siamese gene pools, predating any hybridization with Abyssinians. It is believed that the ticked tabby gene may have been present in the Turkish Angora since the breed’s beginnings in the Turkish zoos. We consequently consider ticked tabbies a natural part of our breed.

YES: 28

NO: 7

Iris Tanner: Many Turkish Angora breeders are working to produce shaded silvers, a color that’s recognized and showable under our current standards. We have been told that to be successful, we need both the shaded gene, which we have, and a ticked tabby gene, which hasn’t shown up here but is present and shown in Europe. We assumed ticked tabbies would be showable in our Other Turkish Angora color class. However, following the breed council secretaries’ meeting with the board at the annual, I asked for a copy of the breed-specific rules of registration. We were shocked to see that not only could we not register ticked tabbies, we couldn’t register cats with ticked tabbies within the first three generations of ancestry. This would seem to reflect some old impression that ticked tabby Turkish Angoras were presumed to be hybrids. Now that geneticists have a much better understanding of the ticked tabby gene, we know this is not true. We consider the prohibition against ticked tabby Turkish Angoras to be an error. We are a small breed that values type and genetic diversity over excessive generations of purity. This is about not cutting us off from a vital and beautiful section of our gene pool. Please grant us access to these cats.

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

TURKISH VAN

Breed Council Secretary: Linda A. Gorsuch

Total Members: 19

Ballots Received: 15

60% of Voting: 9

1. PROPOSED: Change the point allocations; revise wording in the “General” section; and add a new section titled “Balance” as follows:

Current:

HEAD (30)

Shape (boning, chin, nose, cheekbones, profile) 18

Ears (shape, placement and size)7

Eyes (shape, placement and size)5

BODY (35)

Type (boning, muscle, length, size)20

Legs and feet5

Tail 10

COAT 15

COLOR and PATTERN20

GENERAL: ... Despite age and sex, as adults, individuals should convey an overall impression of a well-balanced and well-proportioned appearance in which no feature is exaggerated to foster weakness or extremes. ...

Proposed:

HEAD (30)

Shape (boning, chin, nose, cheekbones, profile)18

Ears (shape, placement and size)7

Eyes (shape, placement and size)5

BODY (30)

Type (boning, muscle, length, size)18

Legs and feet5

Tail7

COAT15

COLOR and PATTERN 20

BALANCE.....5

~~GENERAL: ... Despite age and sex, as adults, individuals should convey an overall impression of a well-balanced and well-proportioned appearance in which no feature is exaggerated to foster weakness or extremes.~~

ADD this new section immediately following the General Description:

BALANCE: Despite age and sex, as adults, individuals should convey an overall impression of a well-balanced and well-proportioned appearance in which no feature is exaggerated to foster weakness or extremes.

RATIONALE: This proposal is being resubmitted, because the Turkish Van breeders feel that balance is a critical aspect of the ideal Turkish Van and accordingly should be allocated points. Head and body are equally important traits of the breed and the point allocation should reflect this. Because balance is a critical aspect of the breed, it has been added to the point allocation to reflect this, with a point allocation of 5. This is also consistent with the general description part of the Turkish Van Breed Standard which currently states: “Despite age and sex, as adults, individuals should convey an overall impression of a well-balanced and well-proportioned appearance in which no feature is exaggerated to foster weakness or extremes.” To better clarify expectations for the 5 points allocated to Balance and consistent with the standard’s format, the preceding sentence is proposed to be added to a new section entitled “Balance.” Balance is assigned points in several other breeds (e.g., Turkish Angora, Maine Coon, Persian) where the breeders feel it is important enough to warrant emphasis. Turkish Van breeders feel that balance is a critical aspect of the ideal Turkish Van and accordingly should be allocated points.

YES: 13

NO: 2

Miller: Balance is something that we expect in every cat. These 5 points are valuable to be given to something that’s specific for the eliteness of the breed. It’s a waste to use it on something that applies to every breed. **Eigenhauser:** Some breeds emphasize balance. Other breeds seem to emphasize some extreme type – an extreme, long tubular body on a Siamese – an extremely short muzzle on a Persian. I don’t think every breed emphasizes balance in the same way. Each breed should have a right to say, “we breed to this or that extreme”, or “we want balance”. **DelaBar:** Maine Coons have 5 points for balance. The Turkish Van is a rather large, muscular cat. For the same reason we have it for Maine Coons, we should have it for Turkish Vans. **Angell:** Balance means a lot of different things.

BOARD ACTION: Motion Carried. Newkirk and Miller voting no.

2. PROPOSED: Revise the wording for eye description in point allocation and “Turkish Van Colors” as follows:

Current: TURKISH VAN COLORS.

Eye color on all coat colors: amber, blue and odd-eyed. Eye color may fade with age.

HEAD (30)

Shape (boning, chin, nose, cheekbones, profile) 18

Ears (shape, placement and size) 7

Eyes (shape, placement and size) 5

Proposed: TURKISH VAN COLORS.

Eye color on all coat colors: amber, blue and odd-eyed. Greater depth of color is preferred, though eye color may fade with age.

HEAD (30)

Shape (boning, chin, nose, cheekbones, profile) 18

Ears (shape, placement and size) 7

Eyes (shape, placement, size and color) 5

RATIONALE: Reflects desire for increased depth of eye color.

YES: 11

NO: 4

BOARD ACTION: Motion Failed.

3. PROPOSED: Change the description of the pattern to more accurately reflect the ideal show specimen.

Current: COLOR and PATTERN: Van pattern only on glistening chalk-white body with colored markings confined to the head and tail desirable. One or more random markings, up to color on 20% of the entire body, are permissible. Random markings should not be of a size or number to detract from the van pattern, making a specimen appear bi-color. A symmetrical pattern of head markings, divided by white up to at least the level of the front edge of the ears, is desirable.

Proposed: COLOR and PATTERN: Van pattern only on glistening chalk-white body with colored markings confined to the head and tail is preferred. One or more random markings, up to color on 15% of the entire body (excluding the head and tail color), are permissible. Random markings should not be of a size or number to detract from the van pattern, making a specimen appear bi-color. A symmetrical pattern of head markings, divided by white up to at least the level of the front edge of the ears, is desirable.

RATIONALE: Better describes the expectations for pattern in the top show specimen.

YES: 10

NO: 5

BOARD ACTION: Motion carried.

4. PROPOSED: Clarify in coat section that cats should not be longhaired.

Current: COAT: Semi-long with a cashmere-like texture; soft to the roots with no trace of undercoat. Due to the extremes in climate of their native region, the breed carries two distinctive coat lengths and allowances must be made for the seasonal coat. The summer coat is short, conveying the appearance of a shorthair; the winter coat is substantially longer and thicker. There is feathering on the ears, legs, feet and belly. Facial fur is short. A frontal neck ruff and full brush tail become more pronounced with age. The above description is that of an adult, allowances must be made for short coats and tail hair on kittens and young adults.

Proposed: COAT: Semi-long, never long, with a cashmere-like texture; soft to the roots with no trace of undercoat. Due to the extremes in climate of their native region, the breed carries two distinctive coat lengths and allowances must be made for the seasonal coat. The summer coat is short, conveying the appearance of a shorthair; the winter coat is substantially longer and thicker. There is feathering on the ears, legs, feet and belly. Facial fur is short. A frontal neck ruff and full brush tail become more pronounced with age. The above description is that of an adult, allowances must be made for short coats and tail hair on kittens and young adults.

RATIONALE: Consistent with the breed seminar on Angoras and Turkish Vans that clarified that Turkish Angoras are true longhairs and Turkish Vans are never longhaired. Helps to further the distinction between the Turkish Angora and the Turkish Van and reinforces that the Turkish Vans are semi-longhaired cats.

YES: 9

NO: 6

BOARD ACTION: Motion failed.

(7) **CLUB APPLICATIONS.**

Club Membership Chair Jo Ann Cummings presented the following club applications for approval, reserving the right to vote no.

Committee Chair: *Jo Ann Cummings*
Liaison to Board: *NA*
List of Committee Members: *NA*

Current Happenings of Committee:

The following twelve clubs are up for consideration, two clubs on the Mainland, one in Region Eight, and nine in the International Division. Note: Membership requirements are listed at the end of club applications.

Mainland:

*Turkish Angora Fanciers, International
Hotch Potch Cat Club*

Region Eight:

Ocicat Trust Japan

International:

*Abyssinian Breed Club Europe – Switzerland
Borneo Cat Club – Malaysia
China Great Wall Cat Fanciers – China
Feline Society of Brunei – Brunei Darussalam
Guangzhou Cat Fanciers Club – China
Hong Kong Shorthair Cat Club – Hong Kong
Persian & Exotic Cat Club – Hong Kong
Royal Club – Russia
Victory – Russia*

TURKISH ANGORA FANCIERS, INTERNATIONAL

Region Six – Midwest Region

Director – Mrs. Kay Janosik

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twelve members.*
- *Ten members belong to another CFA club (Ohio State Persian, Turkish Angora Breeders Union, United Persian Society, Furever Friends Feline Fanciers, Pfanciers United for Fun, National Siamese Cat Club, and Nekatagora Cat Club)*
- *The listed treasurer, Christine Thomas, is the current treasurer of Turkish Angora Breeders Union.*
- *The club director, Yumi Yamada, is an officer in show production with Nekatagora Cat Club, Japan.*

- *All club officers and directors have different addresses.*
- *Members reside in Missouri, Illinois, North Carolina, Ohio, Wisconsin, and New York.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *The club has not incorporated, this is under consideration.*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status; Turkish Angora Breed and Specialty.*
- *Special awards for Turkish Angora, modeled after Maine coon and Siamese awards.*

Club activities

- *Co-show production, Ring Sponsorship.*
- *Discounted Turkish Angora Entries.*
- *Sponsorship of International and other CFA awards.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a show (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *Plan to produce one show per year, a one day six ring show.*
- *Currently we plan to so-sponsor a show in North Platte, NE and put on a show in Lawrenceville, KS.*

Additional Information.

This club is meant to fill the gap left by our current All Breed Club, Turkish Angora Breed Union, (TABU) which is largely inactive and requires sponsorship to join. Unlike TABU, any prospective member need not be a breeder to join. We also have an active plan to sponsor multiple rings and awards to actively promote the breed throughout CFA.

From the Turkish Angora Fanciers, International Constitution

Objectives:

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *To promote and improve the breeding of the Turkish angora cat worldwide to the standards as accepted by CFA, and to promote the Turkish angora cat within CFA through social, recreational and hobby activities.*
- *To protect the Turkish Angora from the loss of any of its naturally evolved features.*
- *To encourage selective breeding toward the health and CFA breed standard.*
- *To encourage harmony, friendship and the free exchange of information among breeders and fanciers of Turkish Angora cats and all cat fanciers.*
- *To publicize and educate the international public about Turkish Angoras and cats in general*
- *To sponsor cats shows and exhibits.*
- *As of this date January 2, 2007 no positive or negative letters have been received.*
- *Approval or Disapproval by Mrs. Kay Janosik, Midwest Regional Director.*

NOTE: From Marion Donohue:

Due to privacy issues, the club secretary has requested that her street address not be published.

I have researched the information provided, and can verify that the street address is located in the same city, state, and region as the post office box indicated on the application.

The above statement is signed by Marion Donohue.

Janosik: I have spoken to this group and they have answered my questions. I support them. **Johnson:** One thing that we have looked at in the past is, what new people is a club bringing to the fancy? All of these people are members of other clubs. **Janosik:** Their main goal is to promote the breed. **Miller:** Breed clubs are very valuable. They promote the breed in their local area. If this group is really going to work for their breed, I fully support it. **Janosik:** They want to sponsor the Turkish Angora rosettes, sponsor rings, and go in with two other clubs to produce a show. **Wilson:** If this were a breed club with an open membership, I would have thought they would have had more charter members that are breeding Turkish Angoras. **Johnson:** We should talk about the constitutions of clubs that we're accepting. There's no retirement plan. We see clubs either turning into paper or being "sold". What happens when they become inactive? **Janosik:** My question is, if the club stops producing shows, what will the club do? Will it become another paper club? What will the purpose shift to? How would the treasury be handled? This club has every intention to promote their breed if they're not in a position to put on a show. In the temporary absence of DelaBar, **Angell** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun, Wilson, Johnson voting no. Barnaby abstained.

*HOTCH POTCH CAT CLUB
Region One – North Atlantic Region
Director – Ms. Debbie Kusy*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twenty-nine members.*
- *Fourteen members belong to another CFA club.*
- *The listed secretary, Rick Worster, is the current Treasurer for the National Siamese cat Club.*
- *The President and the Vice-President have the same mailing address.*
- *Members reside in Canada, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *The club plans to incorporate.*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Plans to hold CFA shows.*
- *Education programs to cat fancy and public.*
- *Sponsoring other clubs.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *Would like to start with an annual show and eventually go to two shows per year.*
- *Plan to hold shows in the northern part of New York, between Watertown (75 miles north of Syracuse) and the Canadian border.*

Additional Information

- *We have a great deal of local support. No other club within one and one half hours.*

From Hotch Potch Cat Club Constitution

Objectives:

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the standards as set forth by the Cat Fanciers Association.*
- *To educate and promote feline health, nutrition, and husbandry.*
- *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits.*
- *To sponsor educational seminars for breeders of pedigree cats.*
- *To mentor potential members of the club and parent organization.*
- *To promote sportsmanship, friendship, and merriment around cat fanciers.*

As of this date January 3, 2007 seven negative letters have been received:

- *Empire cat Club, signed by the club secretary, Helene Schneider-Hester,*
- *Make Mine Mink, signed by club Secretary, Joan Bernstein.*
- *Paumanok Cat Fanciers, signed by the club secretary, Joan Bernstein.*
- *National Norwegian Forest Cat, signed by the club secretary, Jane Barletta.*
- *Delaware River Cats Club, signed by club secretary Jane Barletta.*
- *Seacoast Cat Club, signed by club secretary Marilyn E. Conde.*
- *Half Moon Cat Club , signed by club secretary Sharon Roy.*
- *New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, signed by club president Nancy Jenkins.*

Approval or Disapproval by Ms. Debbie Kusy, North Atlantic Regional Director.

Kusy: The basis of the negative letters is that we have no show dates available in the region. This club has said in their application they would like to do one or two shows a year. There's already quite a bit of activity in upstate New York. There's a lot of cross-membership in other clubs in the area. **Baugh:** Concerns have been expressed to me from some of the clubs in my region, as well. We don't have show dates available and this is a club that is looking to put on possibly two shows a year. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

*OCICAT TRUST JAPAN
Region Eight – Japan Region
Director – Mrs. Yayoi Satoh*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twelve members.*
- *None of the members hold membership in another CFA club.*
- *All club officers and directors have different addresses.*
- *All of the Members reside in Japan.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *No.*

Club Interest

- *They desire to be an Ocicat Breed Club.*

Club activities

- *Hope to put on CFA cat shows.*
- *Hold cat seminars and workshops on Ocicats in order to improve the pedigree cats.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a show (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *Plan to produce one show per year, and more it is becomes more feasible.*
- *Shows to be held in Tokyo and other areas where show halls are available.*

Additional Information.

Ocicats are still unfamiliar among most people in Japan and so we have considered ways to promote them. Last year one of our Ocicats won the Best in Japan, which encouraged us to establish a breed club so that more people may know the beauty of the Ocicats.

From The Ocicat Trust Japan Constitution

Objectives:

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits.*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
-
- *Negative letter received from Hiroshi Shinmoto.*
 - *As of this date January 2, 2007 no positive or negative letters have been received.*
 - *Approval or Disapproval by Ms. Yayoi Satoh, Japan Regional Director.*

Satoh supports this club, but she knows there is one negative letter. **Newkirk:** I met with Mr. Sakurai, who is the president. He is very enthusiastic, very energetic. It was refreshing. This is what we need to encourage in Japan. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

ABYSSINIAN BREED CLUB EUROPE

*International Division
Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Fifteen members.*
- *Eight members belong to another CFA club (Cat Friends of Germany, Cats World Club, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Dutch Purrruss Club.)*
- *All club officers and directors have different addresses.*
- *Members reside in Switzerland, France, Germany, Hungary, Belgium, Slovenia,*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *No.*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Club activities not listed*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *Plan to produce one two day show per year starting in 2008. May or June are the months preferred. Shows to be held in Switzerland, or Zurich area*

From the Abyssinian Breed Club Europe Constitution

Objectives:

- *To promote, protect and advance the Abyssinian breed and promote the welfare of cats in general.*
- *To promote the breeding Abyssinians and other pedigree cats to the standards as accepted by CFA*
- *To promote the showing of Abyssinians and other CFA accepted pedigree cats in CFA, and encourage registering them with CFA.*
- *To promote Abyssinians breeders to join, if qualified, the Abyssinian Breed Council.*
- *To assist breeders to register Abyssinians originating from foreign registries with CFA and fulfilling an eight generation requirements.*
- *To promote and provide assistance to novice breeders in all aspects of breeding practice.*
- *To promote and provide information and education on CFA procedures so that members can fully participate in all CFA activities.*
- *To sponsor and/or organize and produce cat shows held under the auspices of CFA.*
- *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers and cultivate friendship and common interests among the members.*
- *To give prizes, ribbons and honors in connection with the exhibition of the Abyssinian breed and to maintain, develop and publish books, pamphlets, periodicals, forms ,*

and other publications, all of which the Board of directors may deem as assisting in forwarding the above objectives.

- *As of this date January 2, 2007 no positive or negative letters have been received.*
- *Approval or Disapproval by International Division Director Darrell Newkirk.*

Newkirk: This club has been awhile in the making. The secretary is Christine Ruessheim, who has been very instrumental in writing materials for the board. She maintains a website that has a tremendous amount of information. Abyssinians are increasing in popularity in Europe, and they want to further that by having a club. I am very supportive of this club.

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*BORNEO CAT CLUB
International Division
Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Eleven members.*
- *None of the members hold membership in another CFA club.*
- *The Vice-President and the Treasurer have the same address.*
- *All members reside in Malaysia.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *Do not intend to incorporate.*

(Note; there is a document included in the application that looks like the club has registered with the country of Malaysia, indicating their location, as the address on the document carries the same address as the President of the club, Ben Hsu I Chi)

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *To promote and raise the standard of breeding and exhibition of cats.*
- *To promote the holding of exhibiting and to conduct the holding of exhibitions.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cites where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *Our club intends to produce a show on a bi-annual basis.*
- *We anticipate producing CFA-type shows in Sabah and Sarawk, East Malaysia.*

From the Borneo Cat Club Constitution

Objectives:

- *To affiliate and recognize as a member of any international and/or worldwide cat registration organizations.*
 - *Sharing of experience amongst cat lovers.*
 - *To disseminate information on cats to the wider public.*
 - *To promote the holding of exhibition and to conduct the holding of exhibitors.*
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
- *As of this date January 2, 2007 no positive or negative letters have been received.*
- *Approval or Disapproval by Mr. Darrell Newkirk – International Division Director.*

Newkirk: When I was in Malaysia in July, I tried to convince this group to form one club with Brunei. They are actually two different countries. They have to get government approval for their clubs, which is very common in many of the Asian countries. That's why we have two different clubs from a close area. They are enthusiastic and are going to do a great job for us, so I support this. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*CHINA GREAT WALL CAT FANCIERS
International Division
Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

- *Eleven members.*
- *None of the members hold membership in another CFA club.*
- *All club officers and directors have different addresses.*
- *Members reside in Beijing, China.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *No.*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*
- *Interested in China Li Hue Mau and some other Chinese cat breed.*

(Note: Chine Li Hue Mau sounds like a breed of cat?)

Club activities

- *The promotion and improvement of CFA recognized breeds of cats.*
- *The registering recording of identifying of cats.*
- *Promotion and development of China's pedigreed cats.*
- *Research and develop traditional Chinese herbal medicine to curing animals.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cites where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *Plan to produce one or two sows a year.*

- *The theme is to promote and develop CFA recognized breeds of cats and also Chinese pedigreed cats.*
- *The shows will locate in Beijing, China.*

Additional Information.

This club is meant to fill the gap left by our current All Breed Club, Turkish Angora Breed Union (TABU) which is largely inactive and requires sponsorship to join. Unlike TABU, any prospective member need not be a breeder to join. We also have an active plan to sponsor multiple rings and awards to actively promote the breed throughout CFA.

From the China Great Wall Cat Fanciers Constitution

Objectives:

- *A listing of objectives was not submitted.*
- *Letter of recommendation received from Bob Zenda.*
- *As of this date January 2, 2007 no negative letters have been received.*
- *Approval or Disapproval by Mr. Darrell Newkirk – International Division Director.*

Shaffer: Is there already a club in Beijing? **Newkirk:** There are two. Beijing is a very big city. **Kallmeyer:** Both clubs in Beijing are looking forward to more shows. **Miller:** They are extremely interested in animal welfare. I have already had correspondence with their secretary. They were asking questions, so I sent them material on feral cat TNR (trap neuter and return). We need CFA to have a prominence in dealing with some of the serious cat welfare problems in China. This is a group that wants to do that. **DelaBar:** They fit in with what CFA needs. The growth in China has been phenomenal. The growth and movement back and forth between Shanghai and Beijing is an area where we will see increased revenues. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*FELINE SOCIETY OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
International Division
Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twelve members.*
- *They do not have any names listed under membership affiliation so I presume that they do not have any members who are members of another CFA club.*
- *The vice-president and the Treasurer have the same address.*
- *I am not sure of the member's residence.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *Left blank*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Planning to do CFA shows at least twice a year.*
- *Fun shows and exhibitions as well as seminars.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a show (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *The club intends to do the show at least twice a year with one international show in July in collaboration of his Majesty, Sultan of Brunei. The show will be held in Bandar Seri Begawan.*

From the Feline Society of Brunei Darussalam Constitution

Objectives:

1. *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
2. *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
3. *To sponsor cat shows and exhibitions, working closely with pet products, sponsors and organizers.*
4. *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
5. *To encourage the keeping of cats as loving pets in the Brunei society.*
6. *To generate awareness and knowledge about the proper ways of caring and breeding of cats from seminars that will be conducted*
7. *To promote the caring between humans and their cats.*
8. *To enable this club to do its own cattery registrations for local cat breeders and the litter registrations of local pedigree cats – “Brunei Premier registry of Pedigree cats.”*
9. *To educate the public on the importance of proper nutrition and health care in cats, working closely with veterinary care.*
10. *To educate the public the importance of neutering and spaying cats.*
11. *To participate in projects which involve the welfare of cats.*
12. *To generate awareness among our caring Brueneians that cats have feeling too and enhancing a loving society concept.*
13. *To promote awareness about the existence of difference pedigree cats creeds, their temperaments as well as their standards which are recognized by CFA.*
14. *To organize International cat shows to encourage participation from other countries, and thus to attract tourists into the country.*
15. *To work hand in hand with the veterinary of Brunei Darussalam in issuing temporary permits for foreign exhibitors to enter the cat shows that will be carried out.*
16. *To involve CFA affiliated judges in cat shows (pedigree, non-pedigree and household cats).*
17. *To generate awareness to the public that breeding domestic cats (non-pedigree) will lead to more stray cats.*
18. *To make the first cat shelter in Brunei to ensure healthy welfare for the neglected cats and indirectly to control the number of stray cats.*

19. *To receive cooperation from the government in organizing the Brunei cat club “Feline Society of Brunei Darussalam” and the launching of the first cat shelter center.*

- *As of this date January 2, 2007 no positive or negative letters have been received.*
- *Approval or Disapproval by Mr. Darrell Newkirk, International Director.*

Newkirk: I met Dr. Sarah. She speaks very good English and she writes very well. I support this club. **Shaffer:** Where is Brunei? **Kallmeyer:** Borneo is an island below Singapore. Half of it belongs to Malaysia, half of it Indonesia and a little piece for Brunei. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*GUANGZHOU CAT FANCIERS CLUB
International Division
Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Fourteen members.*
- *None of the members hold membership in another CFA club.*
- *All club officers and directors have different addresses. The Secretary and Treasurer seem to share the same apartment complex.*
- *All members reside in China.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *Not applicable*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Help non-CFA/CFA breeders to apply CFA certificate.*
- *Try every effort to promote cats caring in Southern China.*
- *Arrange members to attend CFA cat shows in Hong Kong, BJ and SH. (Not sure what countries BJ and SH are the abbreviations for.)*

Co-show production, Ring Arrange courses about cats raising and breeding at least six times a year to cat fanciers in Guang Zhou, which should be given by experts from Hong Kong or abroad.

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cites where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *Plan to host one cat show in Guang Zhou every year, at least two rings should be sponsored, and CFA breeders or non-CFA Breeders from Grater China will be invited in the first five years.*
- *Cat shows will only be held in Guang Zhou, and we will think of holding the cat show in other city of Southern China to promote the cats caring nationwide.*

From the Guangzhou Cat Fanciers Club Constitution

Objectives:

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits.*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
-
- *Letter of recommendation received from Bob Zenda.*
 - *As of this date January 2, 2007 no negative letters have been received.*
 - *Approval or Disapproval by Mr. Darrell Newkirk – International Division Director.*

Kallmeyer: This is another growth area about 100 miles from Hong Kong. It used to be Canton China. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*HONG KONG SHORTHAIR CAT CLUB
International Division
Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twenty-three members.*
- *Eight members belong to another CFA club (Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society).*
- *All club officers and directors have different addresses.*
- *Members reside in Hong Kong*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *Yes*

Club Interest

- *AllBreed - The club would like to specialize in different shorthair breeds, especially British Shorthair, American Shorthair, Scottish fold and Somali. Moreover we also would like to encourage new breeders to introduce more shorthair breeds.*

Club activities

- *Seminars to be held every two months with topics like cat's health, grooming, photography, code of ethics to club members and public.*
- *Special seminars will be held twice a year to promote cat breeding especially to new breeders (like how to keep cats as a cattery and to explain CFA show formats and registration.)*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *For the first year we plan to hold two shows with two to four rings in one day. With experience gained we would like to hold shows with four to six rings in one day quarterly.*

From the Hong Kong Shorthair Cat Club Constitution

Objectives:

- *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
 - *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits.*
 - *To promote the show formats, show preparation, sportsmanship and friendship.*
 - *To promote the feline health care.*
 - *To promote the code of ethics.*
-
- *Letter of recommendation received from Bob Zenda.*
 - *Letter of recommendation received from Hong Kong Cat Lovers' Society.*
 - *As of this date January 2, 2007 no negative letters have been received.*
 - *Approval or Disapproval by Mr. Darrell Newkirk – International Division Director.*

Newkirk: These guys are really go-getters who breed American Shorthairs and British Shorthairs. They have been traveling to shows in other areas and are very supportive. They are very interested in increasing the number of shorthairs that are being shown in Hong Kong.

Shaffer: I notice that 8 of the members are also members of the Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society.

Kallmeyer: The Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society's big shows wear the members out. They are saturated. Other clubs can essentially spin off. **Anger:** The Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society is a very strong club with a very large membership in an emerging area. When I judged there, my clerk had attended a clerking school but had never attended a cat show before. She was excellent. This is all brand new, fresh and exciting for them. **DelaBar:** I met Vera Chang last year in Sydney, Australia. She was very well spoken – impeccable English and incredible cats. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

PERSIAN AND EXOTIC CAT CLUB

International Division

Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twenty members.*
- *Five members belong to another CFA club (Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society).*
- *All club officers and directors have different addresses.*
- *All members reside in Hong Kong.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *Yes, the club has incorporated.*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*
- *The club has incorporated. (Copy attached to application.)*
- *The club would like to specialize in the Persian and Exotic Breed.*

Club activities

- *The club would like to have the following activities held quarterly every year:*
 - » *Health Seminars (Aging cat, breeding & genetics and cat's basic nutritional requirements.)*
 - » *CFA Breed standard seminar.*
 - » *Kitten care/cat care seminar.*
 - » *CFA show rules introducing.*
 - » *Preparation for shows.*
 - » *Feline behavior seminars.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *The club would like to hold a two ring specialty breed shows every quarter, and would like to hold a four ring Allbreed show with around 200 to 300 entries twice a year.*

From the Persian & Exotic Cat Club Constitution

Objectives:

- *To promote the welfare of all cats.*
 - *To promote the breeding of pedigree cats to the standards as accepted by CFA.*
 - *To sponsor cat shows and exhibits.*
 - *To promote sportsmanship and friendship among cat fanciers.*
-
- *Letter of recommendation received from Bob Zenda.*
 - *As of this date January 2, 2007 no negative letters have been received.*
 - *Approval or Disapproval by Mr. Darrell Newkirk – International Division Director.*

Newkirk: This group is focusing on Exotics and Persians. The people in Hong Kong are hungry for cat shows. They can show anywhere in the International Division, and one exhibitor showed up at a show in Germany. These people are interested in getting titles, showing their cats, and having more cat shows. **Kallmeyer:** I had dinner with them, and I have never seen such an energetic, young crowd. **Wilson:** I have been to one of the Hong Kong shows. It's like it used to be when we showed cats here. It's not just the enthusiasm, it's the lack of complaining. It is refreshing. **DelaBar:** That makes it fun again. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*ROYAL CLUB
International Division
Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

Constitution and By-Laws meet CFA guidelines.

- *Twenty members.*
- *It is indicated that one member belongs to another CFA club; however they do not give the name of the club, but list a CFA Cattery name. “Family Gem,” so they could be confused by this question.*
- *All club officers and directors have different addresses.*
- *All members reside in Russia.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *No.*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Breeding and cat shows.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *The club would like to hold a show at least two times a year in Vladivostok, Khabarovsk and other regions of Russia.*

From the Royal Club Constitution

Objectives:

- *None listed.*
- *As of this date January 2, 2007 no positive or negative letters have been received.*
- *Approval or Disapproval by Mr. Darrell Newkirk – International Division Director.*

Kallmeyer: This club is on the Pacific by Japan. **Newkirk:** Above North Korea. **Miller:** No problem with this one. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

*VICTORY
International Division
Director – Mr. Darrell Newkirk*

(Note: I have written and advised this club that their application should be pulled until changes are made, and that the application should be presented in June, 2007).

Constitution does not list any objectives and a copy of By-Laws was not submitted .

- *Ten members.*
- *None of the members hold membership in another CFA club.*

- *The President and the Secretary share the same address, as do the vice-president and the Treasurer.*
- *All members reside in Russia.*

Have you incorporated or do you intend to incorporate?

- *Incorporated*

Club Interest

- *Applying for Allbreed status.*

Club activities

- *Two shows a year.*
- *To write articles to our cat's journal.*
- *To do website and speak about rare breeds.*

With respect to sponsoring CFA shows, please state how frequently your club intends producing a how (as distinguished from sponsoring a ring), the type of show you anticipate producing, and the city or cities where you anticipate locating any such shows.

- *At the beginning we plan to do our cat shows twice a year in Moscow, then we plan to hold shows three times. Shows to be held in Penfa, Egorove M; Tikhorova M and Ostrovskayad.*
- *They indicate sponsor (I guess they mean of other chows.)*
- *Also government of Moscow will be a sponsor.*
- *They have firms who want to sponsor shows.*
- *They would like more CFA shows.*
- *Invite more foreign judges.*

From the Victory Constitution

Objectives:

- *None listed.*

Note; this application does not contain a copy of the club's By-Laws.

- *As of this date January 2, 2007 no positive or negative letters have been received.*
- *Approval or Disapproval by Mr. Darrell Newkirk – International Division Director.*

Cummings has written and advised the club that their application should be pulled until changes are made in the application. It would then be presented in June of 2007. **Newkirk** moves to table this application until June. **DelaBar** called the motion (to table until June). **Motion Carried.**

Action Item: *Add the following two questions to the Club Application form:*

What are the club's plans or objectives regarding the disbursement of funds raised?

DelaBar called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Clubs should state their membership requirements in the constitution or bylaws of the club.

Cummings: Some clubs have no membership requirements whatsoever. **DelaBar:** That should go in the instructions. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Eligibility

Any non-profit club of not less than ten (10) members organized for the purpose of holding or managing cat shows and/or any other purposes consistent with those of The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., may apply for membership

Section 2 - Application

Application for membership shall be mailed to the Central Office of the Association and shall include the following:

- a. a copy of the club's Constitution and By-laws;*
- b. a list of officers with their addresses;*
- c. a list of the names and addresses of all members in good standing at the date of application;*
- d. a check for the current year's dues which is refundable if applicant is not accepted;*
- e. a check in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the cost of processing the application, non-refundable whether applicant is accepted or not; and*
- f. such other information as the CFA Executive Board may require.*

CLUB ACTIVITY REPORT:

Miller: I found this extremely interesting. Jo Ann does a wonderful job on this and it's valuable in the legislative arena. I wish that we could promote it more. This is a great project.

Angell: The more information like this that can be disseminated through our organization, the better. **Wilson:** Changing the due date so that the Club Chair can give this report at the annual would get the attention where it needs to be – with the clubs at the annual. Encouraging clubs to provide this information inspires other clubs to do something.

REGION ONE – NORTH ATLANTIC

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Production	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds donated
Cat's Incredible, Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	
Copper City Cat Club	X	X		X	X	X	X			1	
Damn Yankees	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		1	600
Delaware River Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	2,675
Fantastic Felines of CNY		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	
Fife and Drum Himalayan Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4	

Garden State Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		5	
Li Cat Club, Inc	No activity										
Maine Coon Cat Club		X									
Mohawk Valley Cat Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		6	
Morris & Essex Cat Club			X		X					5	
National Association of Burmese Breeders	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12	
National Birman Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		17	
National Norwegian Forest Cat Breed Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			2,675
New Hampshire Feline Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		1	
Nutmeg Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		3	
Persian Bi-color and Calico Society	X										
Salt City Cat Club, Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	
Seacoast Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	630
Vermont Fancy Felines	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		3	
Westchester Cat Club				X	X	X	X				
William Penn Cat Club		X								3	
Total clubs in region - 76	16	18	16	16	18	17	17	15			
22 Clubs reporting - 28.9%	72%	81%	72%	72%	81.8	77%	77%	86%	04%	70	6,650

REGION TWO - NORTHWEST

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Production	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds donated
Call of the Wild Cat Fanciers		X	X		X	X	X	X		1	
Fancy That Cat Club	X	X	X				X	X			
Feline Friends Internationale	X	X	X	X	X			X		2	
Franciscan Silver & Golden Fanciers			X		X	X				1	
High Sierra Cat Club		X	X		X			X		Y	
International Rare Breed Forum			X								
Longhair Japanese Bobtail Breeder's Club	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		Y	
National American Shorthair Club, Inc.	X		X	X						124	
Oregon Cats, Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	10,000
Pacific Rim All Breed Cat Fanciers	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		5	
Rose City Cat Fanciers		X	X		X	X				2	
Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.	X			X	X	X				1	

Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		3	
Seattle Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		1	
Steinbeck Country Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X		X		Y	
Tails & No Tales Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	
The Wannabees		X		X						Y	
Total clubs in region - 90 17 clubs reporting – 0.188 %	11 64.7 %	12 70.5%	15 88%	8 36%	13 76%	11 74.7%	8 47%	11 74.7 %	0 0%	141	10,000

REGION THREE – GULF SHORE

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Production	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds donated
Amarillo Cat Fanciers	X	X	X		X					Y	
Amarillo Cat Fanciers		X	X		X	X	X	X		1	
Arkansas Feline Fanciers	X			X	X			X			500.00
Bluff City Cat Fanciers, Inc	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			225.00
Cajun Country Cat Club, Inc. *	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Y	
Camino Real Cat Fanciers	X		X	X	X	X		X		4	
Coastwind Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4	1,000
Colorado Cat Fanciers		X	X		X	X	X	X		2	\$100
Cowboy Country Cat Fanciers	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		Yes	
Front Range Cat Fanciers *	X	X	X	X	X	X				4	
Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		3	
Gulf Shore Siamese Fanciers				X	X		X			2	
Houston Cat Club, Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		8	5,000
New Mexico Cat Fanciers			X		X		X			2	
North Texas Cat Club*		X	X		X	X	X	X		1	
Oil Capital Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		1	
Oklahoma City Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X		X		3	
Ozark Cat Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	
Roadrunners Cat Fanciers		X	X		X	X	X	X		3	
Rocky Mountain Cat Fanciers*	X	X		X	X	X				2	
Sphynx Breed Club	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		Y	
Tejas Siamese Cat Fanciers			X	X	X						
Texoma Cat Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			750
The Siberian Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4	

Wild Blue Yonder *				X	X	X		X		3	
Total clubs in region - 62 25 clubs reporting – 40.3%	17 68%	20 80%	19 76%	18 72%	25 100%	20 80%	17 68%	19 76%		48	\$7575

REGION FOUR- GREAT LAKES

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Production	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds Donated
Almost Heaven Cat Club		X	X	X	X	X	X			2	
American Tabby & tortie	X	X								6	
Buffalo Cat Fanciers	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		2	
Canton Hall of Fame Cat Fanciers							X			1	
Canusa Cat Club *	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		5	
Cat Nation Fanciers	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		1	
Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers	X		X	X							
Cincinnati Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Yes	
Cleveland Persian Society	X	X	X		X		X				450
Dayton Cat Fanciers*		X	X		X	X	X			Yes	
Exotic Breeders	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		10	
Genesee Cat Fanciers		X			X	X	X	X		2	
Great Lakes Abyssinian Devotees	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		1	
Kentucky Colonels Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4	
Keystone Cat Fanciers	X	X		X	X	X		X		5	
Mid Ohio Cat Fanciers		X			X						
Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers	X	X	X		X					3	
Monroe Shorthair		X	X		X		X			Yes	
Ocicats of North America	X			X	X	X	X	X		1	
Ohio State Persian Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		6	
Queen City Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	
RagaMuffin cat Society	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		12	
Roses for Felines	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			5	
Scared Cat of Burma Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Yes	
Si-Sawat Society *		X	X	X							
Sternwheel Cat Fanciers		X	X		X						
Turkish Angora Breeders Union					X					Yes	
Western PA Cat Fanciers	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			
World Wide European Burmese Society	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Total clubs in region - 79 29 clubs reporting – 36.7%	20 68.9%	25 86%	21 72%	13 44.8%	25 86%	19 65.5%	21 72%	16 55%		49	\$450

REGION FIVE - SOUTHWEST

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Production	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds donated
Americans West Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	
Burmese Club of Southern California	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Crowe Canyon Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X	X			1	
Hawaii All Breed Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		Yes	
Las Vegas Cat Club			X	X	X						
Los Colores Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4	
Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		5	
Marina Allbreed Cat Club	X	X		X						2	
New Millennium Cat Club	X	X		X	X	X	X			1	
Poinsettia City Cat Club		X	X	X	X		X	X		4	
Santa Monica Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			10,000
Sepulveda Cat Club		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
The American Manx Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		Yes	
Tonks West	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		1	1,325
Total clubs in region – 59 14 clubs reporting – 23.7%	11 78.5 %	13 92.8 %	11 78.5 %	10 71%	13 92.8 %	11 78.5 %	12 85.7 %	9 64%	9 64 %	20	11,325

REGION SIX – MIDWEST

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Production	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds Donated
Abyssinian Midwest Breeders	X	X	X		X	X				3	
Cat'n on the Fox Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4	
Charlestown Cat Callers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Yes	
Creative Cats Club, Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		6	75
Dimes & Dollars Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4	2800
Great River Cat Club	X					X				Yes	
Great River Cat Fanciers	X										
Greater St Louis Cat Club, Inc.		X		X	X					Yes	
Hawkeye State Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		2	
High Plains Cat Club			No activity			X		X			
Illini Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Yes	
Illinois Feline Fanciers,	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Yes	

Inc.												
Indy Cat Club, Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		5		
International Sphynx Breed Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		12		
Lakeside Cat Fanciers	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				
Lincoln Cat Club										1		
Lincoln State Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Yes		
Lucky Tomcat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		5		
Mid Indiana Cat Enthusiasts		X								2		
Midwest Shaded & Smoke Society	X											
Rex Breeders United						X				3		
Saintly City Cat Club, Inc	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		Yes		
Southern Indiana Longhair	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Yes		
Titletown Cat Fanciers	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		2		
Topeka Cat Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		5		
Total clubs in region - 85 25 clubs reporting – 29%	20 80%	19 76%	19 76%	13 52%	18 72%	16 65%	16 65%	16 64%		54	2875	

REGION SEVEN - SOUTHERN

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Production	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds donated
American Wirehair International	X		X		X	X	X			4	
Atlantic Himalayan Club, Inc.	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	48	
Atlantic Phoenix Cat Society	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		3	
Capital Cat Fanciers			X		X		X				
Cat Friends of Washington*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		6	
Central Carolina Cat Fanciers		X	X	X	X					2	
Chamberlain-on-the-Bay Cat Fanciers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		1	
City Beautiful Cat Club		X		X	X					2	
Coastal Empire Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X		X			Yes	
Colonial Annapolis	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		6	
Cotton States Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		4	
Domesti-Katz Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			2	
Foothills Felines	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	
Freestate Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		6	
Gasparilla Feline Friends	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		4	
Greater Baltimore Cat Club		X	X							2	
International Sphynx	X		X	X	X	X	X			Yes	

Society											
LaPerm Society of America	X			X	X	X	X			1	
Music City Cat Fanciers					X						
Pawprints in the Sand, Inc.	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		Yes	
Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers *	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		6	
Slinky Cats Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		3	
Space Coast Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			2	
Star City Cat Fanciers	X	X	X		X					Yes	
Tennessee Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc.		X	X		X	X	X			4	
The Masters Cat Club *		X	X		X	X	X	X		5	
Tonkinese East		X	X	X	X	X	X			1	
Torrey Pines Cat Club	X		X	X	X						
Tropical Cats, Inc	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		2	
Total clubs in region - 93 30 clubs reporting – 32%	21 7.%	22 72%	26 86%	20 66.6%	28 96.5%	21 71%	21 66.6%	14 46.6%		61	

REGION EIGHT

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Productions	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds donated
Ancient Capital Cat Society	X	X									200
Enchanted Cat Fanciers	X	X		X	X					3	
Japan Academic Cat Society	No activity										
Japan Norwegian Forest cat Breed Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		5	
Keystone Cat Fanciers	X	X	X			X	X			5	500
Nekogatari Cat Club		X			X			X		6	
Nishi Nihon Cat Club	X	X	X			X	X	X		Yes	
Portland Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		3	600
Sun Pacific Cat Club	X	X			X						
Sunflower Cat Club	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		15	
Total clubs in region – 61 10 clubs reporting – 16%	8 80%	9 90%	5 50%	1 0.1%	6 60%	5 50%	5 50%	5 50%		37	1100

REGION INTERNATIONAL

Name of Club	General Benefit	Cat Show Productions	Club Activities	Legislative Involvement	Animal Welfare	Breed Awareness	Feline Health	Mentoring	Almanac Yearbook	New members	Funds donated
Cat Fanciers of the Baltics	No activity yet, have just been registered										

China International Cat Club	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		14	
Feline Society of Malaysia	No activity reported										
France Cat Fancier	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		25	
Rex Club	No activity										
The Singapore Cat Club	X	X			X	X				20	
Total clubs in region – 39 6 clubs reporting – 15%	3 50%	3 50%	2 33 %	1 0.16%	3 50%	3 50%	2 33.0%	2 33.0%		59	
Total Clubs licensed as of December 31, 2006 - 644 177 clubs reporting - 27%	127 72%	141 79.6 %	115 64.9 %	90 51%	150 85%	112 64%	89 50%	107 60%	2 0.01	536	39,975

Interesting comments and activities reported on the Club Activity Forms

REGION ONE – North Atlantic

Fyfe & Drum Himalayan Club: *General benefit*: Donated money and entries for new Canadian Club and in Slovenia. *Community Service*: Hosted along with local dog club the Montgomery County SPCA’s annual Christmas party for the animals.

Garden State Cat Club: *General Benefit*: Gave “goodie bags’ to adopted animals.

Mohawk Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc: *General Benefit*: MVCF is entering its 48th year of existence. The club has contributed over \$10,000 to the Winn Feline Foundation and is listed as a Sustaining Donor. Each year in lieu of \$1.00 off admission coupon, spectators donate cat food which is given to local shelters. The members are currently involved in medical care and fostering Persians relinquished by a local breeder.

Morris & Essex Cat Club: *General Benefit*: Sponsor the adoptathon at the Garden State Cat Club Show.

National Association of Burmese Breeders: *General Benefit*: Very active with Burmese Rescue; has assisted with numerous rescues in communities all over the U. S.

New Hampshire Feline Fanciers: Presentation at women’s prison.

Seacoast Cat Club: *General Benefit*: Each year we try to have a “Feline Hero” award. This past year we honored a cat that had awakened her family to a fire in the fireplace that was filling the house with smoke and carbon monoxide. They also donated \$100.00 to New England Assistant Dogs Service (Neads). *Legislative Activity*: We donated \$200 to the Dog Owners of the Granite State, a legislative group that keeps owners and breeders of all animals aware of legislation that will impact our animals *Animal Welfare*: After the show we donated \$330 to the Friends of the Manchester Shelter. They also receive any food that is collected at the door.

Vermont Fancy Felines: *Community Service*: Maintain a vet assistance program at their local Vets.

REGION TWO – Northwest

Scottish Fold Allbreed Alliance: *General Benefit:* Monthly visits to a rest home for Senior Citizens. *Community Service:* We take an autistic child and his Golden Lab dog, along with a cat to the Senior Center.

Seattle Cat Club: *Animal Welfare:* Donated goods to local foster groups; provide rescue transportation.

REGION THREE – Gulf Shore

Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club: *Community Service:* The Civil Air Patrol catered the food in conjunction with the show.

Houston Cat Club, Inc: *Feline Health:* I would also like to add under "Feline Health" that the Houston Cat Club has an "Ask-the-Vet Kiosk" at its show manned for several hours each day by local veterinarians. One is a board certified feline vet; the other is a general practitioner who works with several breeders and has received awards from the Texas Veterinary Association for his work with wildlife rehab.

Oklahoma Cat Club: *General Benefit:* Contributed Funds and Toys to the Marines. “Toys for Tots” Christmas Drive.

Texoma Cat Fanciers: *Breed Awareness:* Donated yearbooks to local Veterinary clinics. Donated to the region three funds for Katrina Victims.

REGION FOUR – Great Lakes

Central Pennsylvania Cat Fanciers: *General Benefit :* Volunteered at a nursing home with pet visits.

Cincinnati Cat Club: *General Benefit:* Donated to a new club to help with their costs. *Community Service:* Worked with local high school to provide community service for students working at cat show. Many of these students then asked that we donate their payments to the Winn Feline Foundation or to the Legislative Fund.

Dayton Cat Club: *Animal Welfare:* Place mother and two kittens left at the show.

Western PA Cat Fanciers: *General Benefit:* Annual TV appearance on local CBS station.

REGION FIVE – Southwest

Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers: *General Benefit:* Take Maine Coon cats to other shows for exhibition and education presentations.

New Millennium Cat Club: *Breed Awareness:* Field questions from the public on the Persian breed via a Yahoo group list.

REGION SIX – Midwest

Cat'n on the Fox Cat Club: *Community Service:* Annual Sponsorship of “Big Cat at Brookfield Zoo.

Charlestown Cat Callers: *Animal Welfare:* We have formed People for Animal Welfare and Safety “Paws for a Cause” along with the town Council in Borden Indiana. Educating residents regarding Neuter and spaying. We trap the feral population and neuter and spay them and find them homes.

Dimes & Dollars Cat Club: *General Benefit:* Main purpose is to raise funds for two no-kill shelters. Provide space for shelter adoptions.

Hawkeye State Cat Club: *Animal Welfare:* Judges presented a workshop on shelter cat husbandry at state veterinary colleen in conjunction with February show.

Indy Cat Club: *Community Service:* Sponsored a judged a cat show for residents and staff at the Franklin United Community retirement center in Franklin in June 2005. They had a very fun time, as we CFA members did. It also resulted in some of the residents visiting our October cat show. *Feline Health:* We have several club members who are actively promoting testing for PKD and are willing to share any and all information they can with club members, new breeders, or other interested cat people. *Mentoring:* During this past year we had two club members featured in the new IPQ Magazine. They have promoted CFA, registered breeds, importance of reputable breeders, and the welfare of all cats. The articles included pictures.

Lincoln State Cat Club: *Community Service:* Organized an art show.

MEOWS (International Sphynx Breed Club): *General Benefit:* Support the Midwest Food Pantry.

Southern Indiana Longhair: *Community Service:* Through our work with Charlestown Cat Callers and our “Paws for a Cause”, we have educated and received help from high school students who had yard sales and car washes to help us with the neuter and spay program.

REGION SEVEN – Southern

City Beautiful Cat Club: *General Benefit:* Provide seed money for a club to produce a show.

Platinum Coast Fat Fanciers: *General Benefit:* Club members paid for one Household Pet entry for each of our five Tri-country area shelters. Ruffled at the end of the show a cat specific Disaster Relief Kit in case of Hurricane. Disaster Preparedness Workshops and newspaper stories.

REGION EIGHT – Japan

Nishi Nihon Cat Club: *Breed Awareness:* When called for any question we explain to the best of our knowledge, especially for the breeds we specialize in, concerning the breeds nature and the “how to’s “ of taking care of the breed. When we aren’t specialized in the breed we will explain to the best of our knowledge then appoint them to the specialized breeder of the certain breed. *Feline health:* When new cat owners call us to ask about their cat’s health or anything to be aware of, we explain the best we can do in assisting these new cat owners. Along with our advice we appoint them to a good vet that we personally know.

(8) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT.

International Committee Chair Darrell Newkirk gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Darrell Newkirk*
Committee Members: *Loretta Baugh (Board Member also helping with Russia/Ukraine)*
Robert Zenda (Asia Liaison)
Joan Miller (Russia/Ukraine Liaison)
Dennis Lysterburg (European Rep)
Wilson Ng (Asia/LA Rep)
Rob Loot (ID Clerking Liaison)
Alenka Unk (ID Legislative Liaison)
Manfred Pszak (ID show Scheduling)
Rob Loot/Henny Wintershoven (ID Website)
George Cherrie (Sister Club Liaison)

Recent Happenings in the International Division:

Shanghai Cat Love Show: *The second CFA cat show in Shanghai took place last weekend (Oct 14-15, 2006) at the Shanghai Mart Expo. It has been almost a year since their first show in November 2005. There were many great monumental moments at the show. However, the organizer, Shanghai Cat Love Club, has experienced many barriers as well.*

As the blooming of new clubs in mainland China for the past 2 years, it is always good for having more clubs to carry the same mission within the country, but it seems the major cat sponsors are getting less supportive than before, hence SCLC had to recruit new sponsors for this show. Finally, it was not easy at all in getting the sponsorships from FRISKIES and ROYAL CANIN.

This year, thank God for sending 3 angel judges for the show, they are Kitty Angell, Becky Orlando, and Cheryle U'Ren, respectively. They not only judged wonderfully, but also offered great seminars on breeds, basic breeding genetics, and cat grooming on the day before the show accordingly. All participants were so involved and making questions actively at the seminars.

There were 141 entries this year, and some of them are with great titles, like NW, RW, DW or couple of them are one-show grands. Maybe, one would ask why those beauty kings and queens had to be shown again, since they had their titles achieved and should be retired from the shows. Well, the reason is, in order to promote what the breed standard is, one of the tactics is showing some ideal beauties, and we all believe those winners meet the breed standard really well. Besides that, cat fanciers in mainland China would be interested in meeting those retired beauties at the show, and this will broaden the awareness of pedigreed cats in mainland China. Frankly, no matter exhibits with great titles or not, most of them were very competitive and stealing hearts from our judges. Many of the winners are from NOVICE class or OPEN class were bred by the new breeders in the country. By the way, the judges did reflect that most of the Persians at the show were beautifully groomed. It is so encouraging!

The second CFA show in Shanghai created the first cat to be granded at the show. The exhibit is GC Ossy-ranch Sweet Surprise. It is a brown tabby and white Exotic male. The owner has flown from Philippines to Shanghai for the show. Congratulations to his owners, Sandra Jacinto and Maria Sarmiento , and his breeder, B Ostwald.

As far as I remember, there was only one champion entered to the first CFA show in mainland China in early 2004, and there were 24 champions entered to the second CFA show in Shanghai. We would appreciate all support of exhibitors and the other sister clubs. Compared with mainland China, Hong Kong took almost 8 years for having its first local grand. The first CFA cat show was held in late December 1995 and the first local grand was achieved in December 2003. At that show, there were 21 champions entered. The cat was an American Curl. Hong Kong really suffered from the slow process before, but today I think all cat people in Hong Kong would be proud of the fourth and fifth biggest show of CFA (out of 370 shows) last show season which were done by CFA clubs in Hong Kong. I am confident of the new development of pedigreed cats in mainland China, and I could foresee they could have a very promising future, and could carry the mission of CFA very successfully. (Report submitted by Tony Chan.)

***Formosa Top Show Cat Club** had our first 2-ring show on October 21, 2006. We moved the show from Tainan to the biggest city in Taiwan – Taipei. We have more CFA cat entries than our March show, and we proudly present some new Champion cats after this show. Thanks to all the catteries who support our shows and keep entering their beautiful cats even though we were only able to put on one-ring shows from second to fifth shows. We are so proud of your new Champions!!! Due to the quarantine problems, cats here in Taiwan can't travel to any Asian countries for shows except for Japan. However, we have faith that after we have more Champion cats, it's becoming possible for an open cat to grand in Taiwan!*

Huge thanks to the judges, CFA President Pam DelaBar and our dear friend Becky Orlando. You helped us put on a wonderful exciting show! Everyone enjoyed watching the judging and the explaining you did during judging was very, very helpful. The C.A.T.S. seminar next day was also a huge success. We hope to see you both again in Taiwan very soon.

We had press from different TV stations and newspapers coming to report the show and interview our exhibitors. Pam and Becky, you were both on Taiwan evening news! And you both looked great!

The cat rescue organization outside the show hall reports that 5 homeless cats had found a home that day and receive donations on both money and cat supplies from our exhibitors. They also want me to thank both Pam and Becky for donating money to their organization.

We also had the first Feline Agility Competition in Taiwan ever! One household pet won the first prize(a huge cat tree) and finished the whole thing in 2 minutes!!! (Report submitted by Francie Chao)

***China Cat Fanciers:** October 28, 2006 would be one of the unforgettable days of China Cat Fanciers, as it was the first day show of their fifth CFA cat show in Beijing. With the great effort of the club, many new records were created and they bookmarked the milestone of the*

development of pedigreed cats in mainland China. China Cat Fanciers started this mission 5 years ago from “Zero”, and now everyone could witness the great achievements of them.

It was the second time for having the same show venue, Golden Resources Shopping Mall, which has over 68,000 square meters and is located in the downtown area. The location is one of the landmarks in Beijing, and also considered as the biggest shopping mall in Asia. We do believe the broadening of awareness of pedigreed cats to the public is one of the objectives for holding cat shows; hence, we continue this tactic this year after the success of last show being held in January 2006. We had a great gate this year, and the club will continue to have their future shows with such an attractive venue. Whiskas and Royal Canin were the major sponsors for the show this year.

The show was a 4-ring show with record-breaking entries this year. There were 180 entries and over 95% of the entries presented at the show. Among the 20 breeds of exhibits, 2 new breeds were first-time introduced to the show, they were Ocicat and Singapura. The cat fanciers in Beijing were so fascinated with these 2 unique breeds and paid a lot of attention while they were being judged on the show rings.

There was also another new record of 29 AB champions presented at the show, and 3 champions (starting from 0 grand points) did achieve the grand champion titles on the first day and second day of show respectively. A female British Shorthair, GC Kalame Salome Periwinkle of Enko was granded on the first ring of the show, and then a blue classic tabby and white male Persian, GC Candirand’s Bodacious of Molimoli was granded on the second ring, while a black male Persian, GC Chun Lap Numen was the third grand champion done on the same show. I would like to congratulate to all owners and breeders of these three wonderful beauties.

The show, in fact, was an international cat show, as there were exhibitors from different provinces in mainland China, as well as from Hong Kong and Malaysia.

Some of the exhibits have been campaigning for the DW this year since the beginning of the show season. We had the great assistance from Wilson Ng (International Representative of CFA International [Asia/Latin America] Division), and Charmaine and Eric Wang from Philippine Cat Lovers’ Society. There were also backup from Shanghai Cat Love Club, as well as from Hong Kong. It is so encouraging when seeing most of the sister clubs could work well together.

The highest score kitten in show was a brown patched tabby and white female Exotic, namely Fu Wa, which is a non-CFA registered cat. The highest score cat in championship was a Maine Coon, namely GC Felis Wonder Lee Simon, while the highest score cat in premiership is another non- CFA registered neutered ASH, namely Ao Li Ao. No matter they are CFA registered or not, they have become the dream cats to most of the audience at the show indeed. We would like to see if all those gorgeous cats could be all properly registered with CFA the soonest.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the 4 wonderful judges, Carla Bizzell, Theresa Imboden, Laura McIntyre, Rod U’ren. They did experience their first time judging in mainland China, and I am sure they would like to take the challenge again, LOL! Hence, it would be our high hope for having them again to judge for us in our future shows. Thanks again for their great work and I am sure they understand now the cat fanciers in mainland China

would have no difference from other cat fanciers in US or Australia, except the skin tones. Our 6th China Cat Fanciers cat show is going to be held on January 6-7, 2007, and it would be our great pleasure in sharing with all of you again of our good news. We will have the CFA's President, Pam DeLaBar, to be one of the judges, and I am sure Pam would be able to tell the rapid growth of us since she was one of the judges of the first CFA show in mainland China. (Report submitted by Tony Chan)

Newkirk: Mainland China is really doing a great job. Tony Chan has been doing a fantastic job mentoring.

Dutch Purrpuss show: November 5, 2006. I would like to thank everyone, who participated, in some way, to making this show a success.

From our small, but very active club board, who worked their behind off!!, and I really do mean that. Too often, we can be quick to find fault in this and that, but our small dedicated board really worked hard. Sincere thanks to Annet Parinussa, our President, and woman of all trades, who ensured that everything was superbly planned with all the small details taken care of, arranging our Veterinary Control, which ran SO smoothly, arranged all the show adverts, etc. etc., the list goes on. To our Vice President, come Entry Clerk, come Show Master Clerk (assisted by Henny Wintershoven), come catalogue compiler Rob Loot who pulled out all the stops to ensure that the show ran so smoothly, stayed fixed to his chair behind the Master Clerk's desk to ensure that the show paper work was kept up to date, and was there to help everyone with the small mistakes etc. Tonny Parinussa for all his energy and hard work during the build up and break down of the show hall, to Peter Vanwongerghem, our man of all trades, who was there to take care of all the last-minute problems, collecting and returning judges from the airport, to their hotels, and a million and one other tasks, and for just being available throughout the course of the day to help explain things to new exhibitors, talk with our exhibitors and listen to your thoughts and ideas, which you can be sure that we will discuss later in one of our future meetings. And to our "Trolley Dolly's", Monique van Eijk and Cor de Wit, for the wonderful job they did with the show catering for our judges, clerks and show officials – I know that there were many exhibitors following the "Trolley" of these "Dolly's, in the HOPE, that they might just be able to get a scrap of the wonderful snacks that had been made!.

Our sincere thanks to our wonderful line-up of judges, for their truly professional work throughout the show. They were at the show hall at 8.45 am, and worked constantly, and so professionally until the last cats had been judged, finishing the show at a wonderful time!! To our Master Clerks and Ring Clerks, our sincere thanks for your hard word, giving your time to staying with your judges and allowing our judges to work without delays, this is an area we really HAVE to work on in the Division - it is the same people, show after show who offer their services. We have to get our "pool" of Master Clerks and Clerks increased dramatically, otherwise, running our shows are going to become more and more difficult. To our excellent Veterinary Surgeons for running a very smooth Veterinary Control, and finally to all those other club members who offered their services to help the day run smoothly. A very special thanks to Angelique Rutten and John van der Berg for actually getting visitors to the show, this year!!!!. They worked miracles making show flyers and leaflets for the local households in the area, and they even got the local television crew to attend the show.

And, finally, to all our exhibitors, old and new, you did everything asked of you, you supported the show superbly, you helped us run a happy, sportive show. Everybody adhered to the small points, and we thank you sincerely.

*We do take seriously everything that you have to say about the running of our shows - all we ask, in return, is that we work as hard as we can, together, help where you can, show CFA in a positive light to new exhibitors. With a couple of days rest, we shall be beginning to work on our Spring Show, at its NEW dates of 3rd and 4th of March 2007, again to be held in Wychen.
(Report submitted by: George Cherrie. Show Manager)*

GALA Cats Club – Moscow, Russia December 3, 2006. GALA Cats Club sponsored a CFA show in Moscow as a part of the Royal Canin Grand Prix. This show included a WCF show, a CFF show and a MFA (International Feline Association – a Russian Independent club formed in 1994) and a CFA show. The CFA show was held on Sunday with an entry of 160 cats (49 kittens, 106 championship and 5 premiership). Wain Harding and I, along with Guest judges Irina Kharchenko and Irina Tokmakova, were the officiating judges. This was the first time that CFA was invited to participate in the Royal Canin Grand Prix. The focus of the show was on breeders and breeding cats. They held a Best in Show for Kittens and Championship cats. On Sunday afternoon the best kittens from each of the associations competed for Best Kitten in show. The highest scoring kitten representing CFA was Candirands Drivi'n Me Wild, bred by Cristy Miller and owned by Ustinova Elena. Congratulations to Drivi'n Me Wild who was awarded Best in Show for the kitten competition. Best CFA Championship cat was Vannjty's Unforgettable Corrida bred by Paskal Lasserio and owned by Alexanrda Bogomolova. Corrida was 2nd highest scoring in the Best of the Best, and lost by only one vote. Seven judges were included in the Best of the Best panel. Overall it was a great show and many people in the show had a chance to view our judging format. The show was very well attended by the public. CFA has been invited back next year to compete in the Grand Prix. Kenny Currle and I have accepted invitations to judge the CFA show.

Newkirk: This was a special show and the first time CFA has been invited to participate in Royal Canin's Grand Prix, which was four cat shows in one; a local independent club, CFF, WCF and CFA. After all the judging was done, a 7-judge panel was selected to do best of the best. The CFA kitten won best in show. It was a beautiful blue tabby and white Persian. The best cat was the tortie Exotic from Russia. The show gave the people in different organizations a chance to see our judging style. It was valuable to be there.

CFA returns to France: December 9-10, 2006. We arrived back from Avignon, late Monday evening, after a long journey, leaving Avignon in glorious sunshine, which after all the rain that fell, was a wonderful way to leave Avignon, having experienced the return of a CFA show, once again in France, after many years' absence.

France Cat Fanciers, and their marvelous team of workers and helpers from the many various European CFA Clubs, gave our Division a really excellent FIRST CFA show. Sami, Guy and Marie Claude did everything in their power to ensure that this show was a great success, and really pulled out all the stops to give the show, a typical French flair!. It was a great pleasure to be part of this wonderful FIRST, and they are to be congratulated on organising such a happy, friendly and competitive show. The quality of exhibits that had gathered together in Avignon was

simply superb, and it was such a great credit to CFA to see the show so well supported. Exhibitors attending their very first CFA were treated to a feast of beautiful cats and kittens, the very best in CFA, and it was so good to see such supportive interest in everything, from the breed judging to the finals. There really was such a friendly atmosphere throughout the two days of the show, and it was so encouraging to see many of our CFA supporters, offering help, advice and encouragement to fellow exhibitors.

Of course, NONE of our shows run without hitches, but the board of the club have to be proud of producing such a happy, relaxed and friendly show. There are not many of our clubs, running their first show, that can see their show finish around 4.00 pm on the Sunday!!!.

It was also a great credit to our Division to see so many of our members from all the other clubs in the Division doing everything they could to assist in the running of the show. This is one of the areas that we can excel in - helping each other, just plain rolling up the shirt sleeves, and pulling in the same direction, to the benefit of all.

*Once again, sincere thanks, Sami, Guy, Marie Claude, not forgetting your wonderful, helpful Entry Clerk, Alexandra Jablonski-Houille. It was an honor to be part of your excellent FIRST show. Thank you for making it such an enjoyable experience. Here's to your next shows!!!
(Report submitted by George Cherrie)*

Newkirk: The France show had a very large entry. The Europeans that came really helped the club out. Their next show is being planned in Paris.

Hong Kong Cat Fancier's Club held their 2nd show, a one day 225 limit, on December 30, 2006. This show filled in 6 days, which created some problems for the club, but think most issues were worked out for most of the exhibitors. Lyman Chan gave the following report: Last Saturday Hong Kong Cat Fanciers Club had her 2nd cat show and it was a one day 4 ring 225 cat show. It's nice seeing friends again. Charmaine, Eric and Wilson sacrificed their holidays they could have spent with families but chose to fly to Hong Kong to clerk for us knowing that we needed help badly. This show was twice the size we had last year but numbers of Volunteers dropped to only half as Dec 30 was really a bad date due to people out of town and family obligations and stuff. Talking about clerks, we had Nicoletta coming all the way from Italy; I've learned so much from her the time we clerked together.

We felt so bad that due to everyone's busy schedule, our club didn't show much hospitality to our clerks and judges Gloria, Pam, Brian and Allan. Glad that they all enjoyed themselves joining local tours and Allan even picked up Wilson from the airport, that was supposed to be our job, Allan!

The show went smoothly except a few minor problems happened early in the morning. The box with the premiership rosettes that gone disappeared, we will reorder them again. We saw them there and counted them each, it's spooky we couldn't find them anywhere. BTW, we had a gate of a bit over 8,000 spectators, what else could we ask for? We simply had it all..... A show didn't screw up, great gate and priceless friendship!!!

Our club would also like to say special thanks to HKCLS, it was early in the morning, the delivery truck with all our stuff inside was supposed to be there early but didn't show up on time. It was a nightmare and after a quick phone call to Rarteo and Phebe, we felt much comfortable knowing these guys were truly friends, they promised us that they would get us whatever we needed from their warehouse in case the delivery truck didn't show up at all. Thank you Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society! The CFA Ambassador Program was a true success as well. We had that program mentioned in all our ads and commercials, how we jam-packed 8,000 people in the show hall? Part of the reason must be the CFA Ambassador Program, spectators found our cat show enjoyable with these great Ambassadors answering questions patiently. Our Club haven't said thank you to each Ambassador individually and please allow us to do it now, you guys are truly Amazing!

There are so many people we want to say thank you to..... our volunteers.....we know you guys have been working so hard and yet still have to put up with attitudes and rudeness from individual people and spectators, you guys do not deserve any of those but you guys are truly awesome and noble by being so patient and understanding.

China Cat Fanciers: *Jan 6, 2007 was so chilly in Beijing, however cat fanciers were so excited as it was the first day show of China Cat Fanciers' 6th Cat show in Beijing. The show hall was filled up with cat fanciers and our beautiful exhibits.*

Compared with our previous shows, our 6th one was definitely not a big one. But, there are new elements which were incorporated with this show.

It was the third time for having the same show venue, Golden Resources Shopping mall, which has over 68,000 square meters and is located in the downtown area. The location is one of the landmarks in Beijing, and also considered as the biggest shopping mall in Asia.

The show was a 2-ring show with our two judges, Pam DelaBar and Kathy Black, and our special guest, Bob Zenda also took part in the show.

Pam was one of the 2 judges of our first show which was held in early March 2004. Time flies, no one would expect a new club could be able to hold its 6th show within 2 years of time. I think God has been taking good care of the club and let it grow so well with his full effort. Pam would be the best witness for the development history of pedigreed cats in mainland China. Both Pam and Kathy spent plenty of time in judging each exhibits meticulously, the audience were so involved with their explanation and presentation of each breeds and breed standards accordingly. Honestly, most of the cat fanciers are still not very familiar with the CFA system, hence we requested the judges to spend extra effort for achieving this. Both judges' presentation were marvelous, please accept our salute again!

The club has designed attractive poster and show brochure for the event. Thank you to the photographer, Larry Johnson, for granting us the copyright for using the image of GC NW Heida I Luv Rock'N Roll of Do'ver. Elvis is now residing in Beijing and owned by one of our club members, and carries his mission in promoting the pedigreed cats in the country. He was benched at the show as "For Exhibition only" and demonstrating his ideal beauty of the breed to the cat fanciers.

In order to broaden the awareness of the public, the club had interviews with mass media. One of the Beijing TV stations had interviews with Pam and the club's president in the afternoon and the documentary was on air at 9:30 pm on the same day. 2 television monitors were transmitting the show process during the whole event, and cattery commercials and event reviews were being run during show breaks. Maybe, breeders would be familiar with cattery ads from show catalogues or yearbooks or almanac, but they would wonder what "cattery commercial" is? In fact, the club's members are so creative and they helped breeders to design the cattery introduction with footages, as well as pictures and different sound effects. Each commercial was around 1 minute in duration, and 20 spots were for the rate of around US\$50. The club was not trying to make showing cat or breeding cat to be commercial, it is merely one of their tactics for promoting our animals via some video aids, so "why not"?

There were exhibitors from different provinces in mainland China, as well as Hong Kong, Malaysia and Philippines. In fact, the show was an International one.

The highest score kitten in show was a black and white male Persian, namely D' Eden Lover's Prince William, and the highest score cat in championship was GC Kisan's Kilohana Kelo of Green Tea, a Flame point male Himalayan.

Though there was only one entry in the premiership, everyone was so admired the beauty of this chestnut spotted tabby OSH, namely Chperson Brown Charlie.

The title of the highest score HHP in show belonged to the 9.3 years old neutered male, namely Yuyan, a red mackerel tabby and white exhibit. (Report submitted by Tony Chan)

Cat's R Us, Klagenfurt, Austria, January 27-28, 2007. Cats R Us wants to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all our exhibitors who participated in our show in Klagenfurt. You showed nice examples and a representative cross section of different breeds. Newspapers brought nice reports about the show and tempted lots of spectators to visit the show hall. Although the cat count was the smallest in years we had lots of fun.

So, at the end of the show, we can assure you the next show will be held in Vienna, October 2007. Thanks friends, without your good will and your help it wouldn't have been possible.

See you in Vienna! Hip, hip, hooray!!! (submitted by Waltraud Novak)

The CFA International Website.

The CFA International Website has been updated by our webmasters Rob Loot and Henny Wintershoven. The new facelift of our website looks marvelous. I invite you all to take a look at our new website www.cfainternational.org.

CFA ID meeting in Europe:

In conjunction with the show in Belgium on February 17-18, 2007. The meeting will take place on Friday, February 16th at 20:00 hrs at the show hotel: Antwerp Dockshotel.

CFA Ambassador Program in Europe:

European CFA exhibitor, are you:

- *Knowledgeable about CFA cat breeds?*
- *Knowledgeable about the basics in CFA show system?*
- *Kind to cat show visitors?*
- *Willing to invest some time and energy in the promotion of CFA?*
- *Enthusiastic about our wonderful hobby?*

Well then, regardless of your mother tongue, you are the perfect candidate to join our ranks! We need the above profile of exhibitors willing to answer various questions at European CFA shows. Read more at: <http://www.cfainc.org/mentor/ambassadors-aboutus.html>

Please join the mailing group so we can exchange ideas on promoting CFA through the Ambassador program in Europe by sending an email to: cfa-ap-europe-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Also, please visit this site: <http://www.cfainc.org/mentor/ambassadors-application.html> and complete the form (again) as many of those who'd already signed up are missing on the official list.

Thank you in advance. See you soon. (submitted by Alenka Unk, Coordinator, CFA Ambassador Program)

Future Happenings:

CFA continues to attract interest in the area of club membership. I think that this could be a record for the number of club applications submitted from International Division countries.

*Abyssinian Breed Club Europe
Christine Ruessheim
Neerach
SWITZERLAND*

*Guangzhou Cat Fanciers' Club
Xinsheng Du
Guangzhou
CHINA*

*Borneo Cat Club
Kong Ooi Kuen
Sabah
MALAYSIA*

*Hong Kong Shorthair Cat Club
Vera Chan
Hung Hom
HONG KONG*

*China Great Wall Cat Fanciers
Li Shuang
Beijing
CHINA*

*Persian & Exotic Cat Club
Olivia Poon
Central
HONG KONG*

*Feline Society of Brunei Darussalam
Lim Mei Fong
Bandar Seri Begawan
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM*

*Royal Club
Tatiana Roslova
Vladivostok
RUSSIA*

Victory
Daria Shutova

Moscow
RUSSIA

Newkirk: On behalf of the International Division, I would like to thank the board for your support of the eight clubs that were accepted.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted
Darrell Newkirk, CFA ID Chair

Newkirk: The International Division is very alive. Club membership is growing. Bob Zenda does a great job in Asia. He has held a number of clerking schools. **Cummings:** Some of these clubs are doing quite well. It's time we consider that they pay part of their show license fee. **Newkirk:** Maybe it's time that they pay half of their fee. **Kallmeyer:** There are still a lot of start-up's. I suggest a graduated fee or base it on the number of entries. **Newkirk** will present an action item in June. **DelaBar:** I want to say how much I appreciate all the work you have done in developing Asia on your watch with the International Division.

Japan Region Report

Director: Yayoi Satoh

1. Health Check for cats from Japan at the International Cat Show 2006

I was very happy that Japanese exhibitors had their cats health checked at CFA International Cat Show in San Mateo last November. Our staff took an ISO microchip reader because most microchip readers of United States could not read an ISO microchip transplanted in Japan. We would like to express our thanks to the staff who helped them and hope that the show committee continues to arrange the health check at the next International cat show for exhibitors from Japan.

2. Japan Regional Cat Show 2007

On January 13/14, 2007, we had a back-to-back Japan Regional Cat Show in Tokyo. We had a full entry of 225 cats and kittens. We thank Ms. Willa Hawke and Mr. David Mare who came to Japan and joined us. At usual shows, entry fees are about 20,000 yen (\$160) in Japan. But we were very glad that we could hold the show with the less entry fee, it was 10,000 yen (about \$80), because we could have nice sponsorship. I think it was a very good example that a lower entry fee was essential for making a show bigger with getting new exhibitors in Japan.

We had show tours by CFA ambassadors at the show hall. Willa advised Japanese ambassadors to report their activity regularly and she showed us ambassador activity in Hong Kong. We have to consider how to increase spectators at cat shows.

We are planning to have 8 ring full 2-day show next year.

3. Registration of Breeders in Japan

Ministry of Environment has started regulation for animal welfare for breeders last May. The regulation defined professional breeders as a person those who breed cats more than one litter a year. To register as a breeder in Japan, the government requested us to have least 6 months experience under other breeders or pet shops. Each breeder has to get a facility inspection and join animal administrating seminar least once a year. When we sell our cats, we have to show registered breeder number to buyers and we have to put that number on breeder's web sites.

4. Japan Regional Rules

Now, we are working to draft rules for CFA Japan region based on agreements which we have applied as "customs" for our region's administration.

When we started considering the rules, our secretary emailed Fred Jacobberger, CFA Legal Counsel and asked if our local rules violate CFA constitutions and other regulations. He replied as following.

"There is nothing wrong with regions having rules, so long as the regional clubs agree to them and they do not conflict with CFA rules or the CFA Constitution. I see no such conflict with the types of rules you propose. However, I think it would be a good idea to have the CFA Executive Board review your rules when you have them drafted."

According to his suggestion, I would like to explain about the rules to the Board. I would be very happy if I could have some comments, and advice from the Board members.

Main points of our rules will be the following:

- a) The Japan region collects regional fee annually (10,000 yen, about \$80.00)*
- b) The clubs which paid the annual fee for Japan region, can use the show materials which belong to the CFA Japan region and have been maintained by them, with only payment of shipping fee. The clubs which didn't pay the annual fee, can also use the show materials with payment of the rental fee and shipping fee.*
- c) The clubs which paid the annual fee receive summaries of board meeting written in Japanese, show rules and show standards in Japanese. (The clubs which didn't pay the annual fee can buy rules and standards in Japanese)*
- d) If a club occupies its show date on Japan region show schedule, although they won't hold their show, the director can refuse their shows in the next year (with the exception of Traditional Day).*

The points a), b), c) are closely related. We have been collecting annual fee as a custom from clubs in Japan for fourteen years. We use this pooled money for the following: Award party. Regional shows which are sometimes held with a half entry fee of usual shows to get new comers. Cat seminar. Expense for purchase and maintenance show materials (for example, floor lamps, flat ribbon sets, number cards, microchip reader and so on) Maintenance for our

regional web site. Expense for translation and publication of documents (for example, rules, standards and so on) Expense for an interpreter going to US with the regional director. Postal fees. Other expenses. (Please refer our Financial Statement, Appendix I)

First of all, we would like to make clear that the Japan region collects the annual fee from clubs in Japan, then we make differences about the services from the region between clubs which paid this fee or not. We will not penalized clubs which do not pay the annual fee, but we think it is unfair if such clubs can get the same services from the region.

Secondly, we need to make rules for the show schedule in Japan. We have being divided the Japan region to East area and West area, then didn't accept two shows in the same area on the same weekend. There are a few clubs which can have their "Traditional Day" in Japan, because of the difficulty for show hall reservation. If a club continues to occupy the schedule until just before their show date, it is so difficult for another club to hold a show at that date. For instance, we couldn't have any shows in last November, though some clubs wanted to have their shows. The reason is that two clubs which had reserved show date on the regional schedule, continued to occupy the schedule in spite of the fact that they wouldn't hold their shows at the dates. We think a regional director will not permit their show schedule for one year (12 months) with the exception of their Traditional Days. (show rule 12.03c, d)

APPENDIX I
2005-2006 financial statements CFA Japan Region

Revenues	yen
<i>regional club dues</i>	450,000
<i>show rules and standards in Japanese</i>	565,200
<i>cat seminar</i>	400,000
<i>award 05+</i>	421,540
<i>regional cat show 05+</i>	518,211
<i>cat seminar+</i>	168,303
<i>surcharge</i>	143,000
<i>other</i>	23,238
total	2,689,492

Expenses	yen
<i>ring lights</i>	205,465
<i>rules and standards, translation, other printed materials</i>	498,298
<i>microchip reader</i>	36,250
<i>staff expense</i>	300,000
<i>staff meeting fee</i>	200,000
<i>postal and stationary</i>	44,060
<i>award 06 (hall and other prepaid)</i>	800,000
<i>protest reason translation</i>	146,100
<i>director expense</i>	250,000
<i>other</i>	56,100

<i>total</i>	2,536,273
--------------	------------------

Anger: Japan Region wants to make everyone aware of the special Japan rules. They have already been doing this for 14 years. **Satoh:** When Region 8 was started, we had a regional fee of about \$80. Today, about 15 clubs do not pay the regional fee. We spend most of the fee on translating the Show Standards and Show Rules into Japanese every year. **Newkirk:** Some clubs had an issue with this. Satoh wants to clarify the special Japan rules so that the board will sanction them. Japan is a good friend to the United States. **DelaBar:** We require Japan Region to do many of these things. When Japan became its own region, one of the stipulations that we put on Japan was that they would pay for their own transportation, and pay the additional expenses of that board member, including a translator. They are not only doing their own translations, they are publishing the translations of the new Show Rules and Show Standards for the clubs, plus use of show supplies to help put on the shows. For \$80, the clubs get all this and representation at the board table. **Anger:** To put the dollar amount in perspective, one entry fee in Japan is equivalent to about \$250. They have corporate sponsors, but there is no guarantee the sponsorship will continue. They get very small gate and generally they don't charge for gate. **Newkirk:** If a club does not pay the regional fee, will their show be listed on the Japan show calendar if the show is CFA licensed? **Satoh:** Yes. No different from a paying club. **Eigenhauser:** This seems fair and reasonable. There is no penalty on the clubs that don't participate. They are simply saying, if you want to participate, there are enhanced benefits by working together. **Satoh** moves to approve the Japan Region rules, as set forth above, in support of the region and the shows. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(9) **CENTRAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.**

CFA Executive Director Allene Tartaglia gave the following report, with **Eigenhauser** making a standing motion to approve all action items, reserving the right to vote no:

1. Out of Region Show Requests

- a) *Club Name:* *Tonkinese Breed Association*
Home Region: *Gulf Shore Region (3)*
Show Date: *August 15-16, 2009*
Proposed Location: *Wayne Michigan (Great Lakes Region 4)*

Baugh: This show rotates around the country. We don't have an issue with a Region 4 club date. So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Club Name:* *Portland Cat Club*
Home Region: *Northwest Region (2)*
Show Date: *June 9-10, 2007*
Proposed Location: *Tokyo Japan (Japan Region 8)*

Tartaglia: The club is going to be reassigned to Region 8 in June and they have been holding these shows all along. **Angell:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Kusy moves to reconsider 1(b) for the regional director's input. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Satoh: Sun Pacific is on the Region's schedule for that date. **Newkirk:** In 2005, Koizumi approved this show for June 2/3, 2007. They couldn't find a show hall. Sun Pacific has this show date, but I don't think they are having a show. **DelaBar:** The club that had the approved date also is the same person that has Portland Cat Club. **Newkirk:** So, it's the same person. **Baugh** moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- c) *Club Name:* *Educated Guess Cat Fanciers*
Home Region: *Northwest Region (2)*
Show Date: *January 5-6, 2008*
Proposed Location: *Brockport New York (Great Lakes Region 4)*

Baugh: This is the club's fourth show. They did two shows in conjunction with Hallmark Cat Club. They put on their own show this past January and did a phenomenal job. I would like to see them do it again. So moved. **Motion Carried.**

2. *Pacific Rim All Breed Cat Fanciers requests permission to include a special presentation of the top 10 Maine Coons in the kitten, championship and premiership classes to be given out at their August 11-12, 2007 show in Portland OR.*

Newkirk moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

3. *The Tonkinese Breed Association requests breed wins in the Tonkinese classes (Kitten, Championship and Premiership) for their August 11-12, 2007 (co sponsor with Pacific Rim Allbreed Cat Fanciers) and August 15-16, 2009 show be given using the same criteria as the CFA International Cat Show uses – breed awards beyond best, second and third will be given based on the number of cats entered within a breed/division – one (1) award for every four (4) cats entered – with a maximum of five (5) breed awards per breed/division.*

DelaBar: Do they want this scored? **Tartaglia:** No. **Newkirk** moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

4. *Siamese Alliance requesting breed wins up to 5th place in Siamese classes only, not scored.*

Kusy moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

5. Club Name Change Requests

- a) *Current Club Name:* *Shanghai Cat Love Club*
 Requested New Name: *Shanghai Cat Lovers' Society*

Newkirk moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

- b) *Current Club Name:* *United Silver Fanciers*
 Requested New Name: *United Silver & Golden Fanciers*

Angell moved for approval. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Anger commented on the club's magazine. It is a fabulous publication, with every page in glossy color. **DelaBar:** Phenomenal. **J. Watson:** Beautiful.

Note: there are no similar existing club names in either instance.

6. Club Resignations:

- a) *American Particat Society, received from Joan Pocica*
b) *Midwest Is Best Burmese, received from Joan Pocica*

Tartaglia: We prefer clubs to let us know when there is a resignation. We can take them off the roster and not have to send them notices. **Newkirk** moved to accept the resignations, with regret. **Janosik:** I want to go on record to say that this is very commendable. This is a model for how clubs should handle their resignations. I am very proud of the way that this was handled. **Cummings:** Joan Pocica worked for this association for many, many years and it is sad to see that she decided to give up these two clubs. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

7. Breed Council Declarations. *The Breed Council standing rules do not specify a declaration for secretary needs to be signed. The rules state “candidate must declare his/her intention to run for secretary of a breed council by submitting his/her declaration in writing to the Central Office by August 1 next prior to the December in which the election is held”.*

NOTE: The election section for Board Members states “written declaration, signed by the candidate and specifying the office or directorship intended.

Action Requested: *Sponsor a constitutional amendment to require Breed Council Secretary declarations be signed.*

Tartaglia: Currently, breed council standing rules don't specify that a declaration has to be signed, it just says it has to be done in writing. For board members it does say, written declaration signed by the candidate. **Anger** moved to write and submit a board-sponsored proposal to clean up the constitution to require breed council secretary declarations be signed. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

8. Championship/Premiership Confirmations. *Currently, approximately 6% of all confirmations are processed on-line. The current price is \$10. The last price increase was in January 1999 from \$5.00 to \$10.00. In an effort to promote and interest more customers in CFA's on-line services, I suggest we maintain the \$10 price for confirmations processed on-line and increase the price to \$12 for confirmations processed manually or “off-line” (those received in the mail, with show packages or from info provided via email).*

Action Requested: *Endorse the price increase for off-line confirmations to \$12, effective May 1, 2007.*

Wilson: I agree and would suggest phasing it up to \$15. It's so easy, you can enter the information before you go to the show. **Angell** moved to increase the price to \$15 if the confirmation is processed manually or offline. **DelaBar:** How does this affect a transfer to champion at the show? **Tartaglia:** They can still confirm online. **Johnson:** How will the master clerk know? **Newkirk:** That needs to be clarified or included on the form. **Janosik:** The receipt for payment could be printed out and presented to the master clerk. **Newkirk** reviewed the show rule, which says, *Championship or premiership transfers must be given to the master clerk by the end of the class judging on the first day of a two-day show.* **Baugh:** I come from a region that has some rigid master clerks. They will not accept that transfer without the claim and the money. **Eigenhauser:** Let's vote on the concept, let Central Office work out the details. **Baugh:** We would have to change the show rules. **Johnson:** It says in the show rules, the confirmation fee is \$10. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.** Angell, Calhoun, Eigenhauser, Janosik and Wilson voting yes.

9. Cattery Name Registrations. CFA started accepting on-line cattery name registrations the beginning of the year and breeders have been receptive to this option. This service was accomplished with changes made to the website by CFA's webmaster, Karen Lawrence.

Action Requested: None, advisory only.

10. Litter Registrations. November 7, 2006 marks the date CFA began accepting on-line litter registrations. As of January 7, 2007, 338 litters have been processed on-line. Total litters processed during that time are 4,179. On-line litters account for just over 8%. Overall, the reception by the breeder community appears to be favorable. There are a number of repeat customers. Some customers have questioned when the blue slips would be mailed so we have attempted to clarify the fact that documents are created as PDF files and printed on the customer's printer and NOT mailed.

Some breeders, international in particular, have experienced a message indicating a "mismatch in breeder name". This is due to the programmatic check within the on-line litter system of the last name field on the person's on-line User Account to the CFA breeder record. We have found that some people list their first name as the last, and vice versa. Once that is corrected (either by them changing their on-line profile, or us fixing the CFA breeder record at the applicant's request), the litter application can be processed on-line.

As expected, there appears to be great interest in registering the individual kittens on-line. With the introduction of on-line litter applications and, in the future, on-line individual cat registrations, it seemed prudent to re-evaluate our policies regarding the acceptance of faxed registration applications to stay in keeping with the new on-line services. Therefore, in an effort to remain customer service oriented, we are accepting faxed litter applications, blue and yellow slips.

We are not publicizing the acceptance of faxed applications but let people know what our policy is when asked. I believe when we offer on-line individual registrations mostly everyone will choose on-line versus fax. The expedited fee is still in place if someone wants a registration number within 24 hours, whether the application is faxed or not. Transfers of ownership still require original documentation and I recommend this be one service we do NOT offer on-line.

Action Requested: None, advisory only.

11. Blue/Yellow Slip Erasures. CFA's policy for 20+ years has been to disallow any type of erasure or white-out on a blue/yellow slip in the ownership and address area. If a blue or yellow slip was received in the office with erasures or white-out, the application was returned unprocessed informing the recipient to get in touch with the breeder for a duplicate blue/yellow slip. Usually, the person submitting the blue/yellow slip was not the original owner of the cat (from the breeder). A supplemental transfer application was introduced several years ago in hopes of simplifying and streamlining this situation. We continue to return blue slips with erasures or white-outs and now include a supplemental

transfer application to be completed by the interim owner of the cat thereby “transferring” ownership of the cat to the new owner (the person who submitted the blue/yellow slip to us). We thought it necessary to record all owners of a cat at the time of registration for future litter registration purposes. For example, a cat is sold by the breeder to an individual, the individual does not register the cat and a litter of kittens is produced.

A new owner takes possession of the cat and the cat is individually registered for the first time. The original owner then tries to register the litter of kittens and we are unable to do so because the person is not in our records as an owner of the cat. The registration staff has found returning blue/yellow slips with erasures or white-out and requiring a supplemental transfer is cumbersome and unnecessary. The situation occurs very infrequently and they have found it easier to simply resolve these matters with the involved individuals rather than requiring unnecessary paperwork for all registrations of this nature.

Action Requested: *Allow the acceptance of blue/yellow slips with erasures or white out.*

Newkirk moved to accept the action item. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

12. *CFA Show Manual.* *An abbreviated version of the original show production manual (late 1970’s/early 1980’s) was released in 2003. Debbie Kusy worked with the office on this project and the manual is available on request. Over the past few years Karen Lawrence has done extensive revisions to the original show manual and a totally revised show production manual is now available. The document is all-encompassing and detailed with approximately 130+ pages not including sample documents, forms, etc. (several samples of the original manual, the 2003 revision and the newest version will be available at the Board Meeting). The copyright is retained jointly between CFA and Karen. It has been suggested the new show production manual be provided on CD for \$15-\$20. A note advertising the availability of the show production manual could be sent with each show license application and it be advertised in the on-line catalog. Karen has asked she receive \$5 on each sale of the manual. If the Board approves remuneration to Karen, I suggest a one-time, flat fee be offered rather than a dollar amount for each sale. We are not currently set up to track sales of a particular item for the purposes of a commission on an on-going basis.*

Action Requested: *Determine fee for the show production manual and, if applicable, remuneration to Karen Lawrence for her work on this project.*

Tartaglia: Karen Lawrence has expanded the show manual. She felt a void existed. She took it upon herself to revise it as a volunteer and it involved a lot more work than she anticipated. It’s very elaborate and detailed, and includes samples. She suggests we provide it on CD. We would advise of the CD’s availability when we issue the show license application. The copyright is jointly between CFA and Karen. She has asked to receive remuneration, which I would suggest be one-time compensation. **DelaBar:** Was this something she was asked to do? **Tartaglia:** Not by me. **Cummings:** Jeannie McPhee gathered most of this information for the first show manual in the 1960’s. Karen works very hard and it is well done, but she didn’t start

from scratch. I want to make that plain. **Kusy:** Why does she retain copyright rights when the manual is put out by CFA? I considered this volunteer work when I did the second manual, and did not accept remuneration or retain copyright rights. **Johnson:** Just because she has access to this doesn't mean she has the right to publish something in the name of CFA. We need to manage that relationship. Paying Karen a commission should be decided proactively, not reactively. **J. Watson:** Our show production manual is *Copyrighted 2003, The Cat Fanciers' Association*. I agree it's a very nice document and she needs some compensation. **Shaffer:** The materials Karen put together are fabulously done. The product is excellent and it is extremely worthwhile for our clubs. **Newkirk:** When we do a good job for a company, they usually reward you with a bonus. She wants something back for the hard work she has done. **Eigenhauser:** We ought to give her something, but let's get some information first. **DelaBar** tabled the action item until more information is obtained.

13. Show Rule Clarifications. A few clarifications are requested re show rules passed at the October 2006 meeting.

A) 1.19a. Specifically the sentence which was added about two CFA registered parents (text underlined). "The NOVICE CLASS is for altered or unaltered "listed" (unregistered) cats, of either sex, altered or unaltered, 8 calendar months old or over on the opening day of the show whose color is CFA registerable. Winners' ribbons are awarded in the Novice class. Upon the cat's registration with CFA, the winners' ribbons will be posted to the cat's record towards its Champion/ Premier title. Cats competing in the Novice class may not go on to compete as Champions/Premiers on the second day of a two day show or in subsequent shows until the cat is registered with CFA. Offspring from two CFA registered parents are not eligible for this class and must compete in the open class. Novice class cats are not eligible for National/ Regional points. This class is for licensed shows in the International Division and Maritime Provinces of Canada."

CLARIFICATION: Do cats competing in the Open class in the International Division need to be registered at the time of entering? If so, we should modify the wording slightly and make a reference to rule 1.19b (Open Class definition). If not, we should modify the definition for Open class indicating a registration number is not necessary at International Division shows for the Open class. Please note there are instances when littermates of the same color and sex are registered from a pedigree. In this case, the cat's parents may not be CFA registered and yet, the cat being shown will have a CFA registration number. The exhibitor could simply choose to have one littermate registered using a pedigree and not the other, then show one in the Novice class and the other in the Open. After the show they can register the cat which competed in the Novice class and claim the winners ribbons, essentially doing exactly what this new rule is supposed to prohibit. Regardless, there should be some mention regarding the registration number being provided at the time of entry...or not.

Action Requested: Modify show rules to better define the necessity of a registration number in the Open Class for International Division shows.

Newkirk: Occasionally a novice cat will get a registration number before the show and then they will transfer to open at the show. The problem is, if they are in the process of being

registered, they're not going to be able to enter the novice class with the new show rule because they are out of two registered parents, so it would make them ineligible to compete in the novice class. They would have to compete in the open class, because the novice class wouldn't be available to them. We did everything possible to come up with the right wording. **Withdrawn.**

B) 15.01.1 This rule addresses charging \$50 for an addendum. The current revision still places the burden of deciding if an addendum is valid or not on the Central Office. The intent was to remove any decision regarding the eligibility of an addendum. If there is an addendum and the \$50 fee is received with the show package, we'll add the cat and score it, no questions asked. The revision made in October makes an already bad situation worse. Not only does the office still have to do the research and make the decision, but if the decision is to not take the addendum, then there is payment of \$50 to add insult to injury. The \$50 is intended to be a deterrent for addendums but if there is one, the \$50 will sufficiently cover any additional work we have to do on our end because the cat is not in the catalog or on the disk. The revision was not proposed to cover the time it currently takes the scorer to research addendums.

Indicated below is the wording which needs to be omitted from the rule. The underlined portion is the wording added in October.

15.01.1 Should the show manager permit a cat/kitten whose entry information is not printed in the catalog to compete, the show manager ~~shall provide a written statement of explanation, for the review of the CFA Central Office, which shall determine if the entry was eligible for competition. The show manager's statement and all documents pertaining to his/her decision must be submitted with the show package to the Central Office. Entries deemed not eligible by the Central Office will not receive credit for any award(s) achieved at the show (see paragraph 20.06). The show manager must prepare an addendum to include all information for any entry not included in the show catalog, which is to be posted with the master clerk and included with the official show records submitted to the Central Office. A fee of \$50 per addendum will be charged to the~~ club/entry clerk/show service and must be submitted with the show packet.

Action Requested: Modify the show rule as above (delete text).

Eigenhauser: I want to stay with what we passed in October. The \$50 fee imposed on the club was to take the profit out of the addendum. If there's no profit, they will think twice before they send it in. This was intended as a deterrent to clubs sending in frivolous addenda. I do not want people to be able to enter cats at the door. That would be chaos. I can't see putting that kind of a burden on clubs. **Tartaglia:** I would rather do away with the \$50 fee. My concern is that we don't know who the fee is coming from. **Eigenhauser:** My suggestion is to add another sentence, "and the club shall not pass this fee on to the exhibitor." **Barnaby** moved to accept the modification to the show rule. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

DelaBar: This board has never allowed independent taping of our meeting because we have only one official tape. However, we have a new device that we want to be able to test. Because of previous board policy, the board must grant permission to do so. **Shaffer:** So moved. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(10) CFA/IAMS CAT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.

CFA/Iams Cat Championship Show Committee Chair Pam Huggins gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Pam Huggins
Liaison to Board: Pam DelaBar
Committee Members: Dawn M. Shiley-Danzeisen (Show Manager)
David White (Assistant Show Manager)
Allene Tartaglia (CFA Director of Special Projects)
Roeann Fulkerson (CFA Director of Corporate Marketing and Public Relations)

Committee Activities since October Board Report:

Pressure was on for the 2006 CFA-IAMS Cat Championship Show

Following the October 2006 Board meeting the committee was full steam ahead to finalize the details of the show and related press events. With the recent news that 3 sponsors pulled unexpectedly, we painstakingly and thoroughly went through the budget once again, cutting more expenses, combining more jobs with fewer people, and doing everything we could to minimize expenses.

The late breaking and exciting news that CFA Officers and Central Office personnel would share the podium with VIPs from the New York Stock Exchange, CEO of 4Kids Entertainment, and the Brand Manager for Iams, plus CFA CATS for the “Ring of the Bell” was a CFA first and an exciting kick-off for the CFA-Iams Cat Championship (CICC) show. This unique opportunity offered a spectacular event and generated great advance publicity for the show. Coupled with the 15 second video clip of our CFA breeds, the CFA 100 year logo, and the Iams logo running consistently in a 15 minute loop as one of the repeating videos on the MSG Marquee, excitement and enthusiasm for the show was rapidly building.

The show committee continued to work in unison with the CFA Director of Marketing and the CFA Director of Special Projects on the myriad of requirements for the numerous aspects of the show to reconfirm and finalize the details and arrangements for:

- ✓ *The Madison Square Garden facility and set-up requirements (decorator, tables, chairs);*
- ✓ *The Mid Atlantic Show Service (cage service, Adopt-a-Cat, agility set up, Breed Showcase and Best of the Best set-up);*
- ✓ *All space requirements and floor plan for show*
- ✓ *Sponsor, Vendor, and special event areas refined and placed;*
- ✓ *Show committee personnel jobs and responsibilities, cutting more costs associated with same;*
- ✓ *Breed entry representation; opened entries to all interested exhibitors;*

- ✓ *Website updates; Decorations; Rosette requirements;*
- ✓ *Signage; printing and catalog needs;*
- ✓ *Hotel reservations for judges and committee personnel;*
- ✓ *Food and hospitality needs for press preview and show;*
- ✓ *Cats and breeders availability for press preview, agility, and breed showcase;*
- ✓ *Newspaper ad placement, Press Preview Requirements and related ongoing PR efforts and media kits;*
- ✓ *CFA-Iams Cat Championship show specific website implemented online and linked to Iams commercial web site.*
- ✓ *Arrangements for CFA personnel and cats availability and representation for live TV segments; and,*
- ✓ *More details, details, and details.*
- ✓ *Trepidations. Months and months of hard work was about to come to fruition and nerves started to wear thin. Perseverance, anticipation, and enthusiasm were the key words, and committee and Central Office personnel started arriving in New York. Agonizing moments over budget, gate, torrential rains, and terrorist alerts were behind us and we knew that what was done was done, what would happen, would happen, and what would be, would be. We crossed our fingers and hoped for the best.*
- ✓ *Press Conference. When we walked into the Press Conference on Wednesday, October 11th at approximately 6:00 AM, I was surprised to see CFA exhibitors and their cats already in place with cats in their beautifully draped cages and one already in the agility ring when reporters started to arrive. As we watched everything fall into place, I kept asking myself what time did these dedicated CFA exhibitors get up to get here and how could we possibly thank them?*

Iams arrived with their trained cats who charmed the reporters and more cameramen appeared for the live TV feed for “Good Day New York,” – the press conference was off to an incredible start.

Suddenly, tragedy struck when a small plane flew into an apartment building and our reporters and camera crew had to leave quite unexpectedly. As the crew and reporters rapidly departed, they assured us they would be back to do the filming. Although we did not actually expect them to return, they were true to their word and came back, surprising us all. They made the press conference an extra special event and thanked everyone for waiting by ensuring they filmed each and every exhibitor with their cat(s). What a treat to see them later that day and over the weekend on several different TV stations. Pam DelaBar, David White, and Peggy Huffman accompanied by their cats “Crazy” and “The Screamer” appeared live on “FOX and Friends” early the next morning and we later received confirmation the CICC winners would be on “Regis and Kelly” Monday morning following the show. With the press conference behind us and in anticipation of the follow-on TV segments, we left the show hall tired but upbeat and hoped the press conference was a good omen for the rest of the show!

- ✓ *Thursday - Final preparations, numerous telephonic press interviews and, Friday set-up completed.*
- ✓ *Saturday - Sponsors, vendors, exhibitors and judges arrived, visitors and press waited to get in, check-in, announcements and introductions made, clerks called cats to the rings, judging and special events started and the gate poured in leaving standing room only. The rings, Iams stage area with the trained cats, Agility, and Breed Showcase were huge hits with visitors and press. Adopt-A-Cat successfully placed over 200 cats in their new homes.*
- ✓ *Sunday, judging and scoring completed, Best of the Best presented, winners selected, and an escapee cat!*

Other Issues:

- ✓ *Follow-up feedback solicited from committee members, vendors, exhibitors, and sponsors, and after action report prepared.*
- ✓ *Almanac Articles written and submitted to Central Office.*
- ✓ *As of 24 January, still in anticipation of final financials. Approximately 3 weeks ago, we showed a profit however, we did not have the final bill from the Garden. After receiving the final bill, as of 30 January we anticipated a small loss.*
- ✓ *As of the date of this report (1 February), and after determining eligibility of CFA to qualify for a NY state Tax Exempt Certificate for taxes previously paid in conjunction with the event, Central Office filed for a return of taxes. When granted, a return of monies already paid will be refunded to CFA reflecting a bottom line positive profit for the CICC show of \$5,252.*

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone for their support and tireless contributions to the CFA-Iams Cat Championship 2006 show.

Huggins: The representative from our co-sponsor indicated how ecstatic they were with the Garden. He said they were extremely happy with the show. He assured me they were looking forward to next year and they would be able to let us know much earlier than last year.

Future Projections for Committee: To be determined.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting: To be determined

*Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Huggins, Chair*

Newkirk: For the first time, everything clicked and fell into place. My problem is that CFA is sponsoring a show against our clubs, and it is so close to the International Show. I would love to be able to support the show, but it's too risky. We aren't getting a direct return on the investment. I would rather see us put our focus on the International Show. **Huggins:** I think we do get a return, based on visibility of the pedigreed cat. As far as CFA's goal to promote the cats and get the media coverage, there is nothing else like the Garden. I also have deep concerns

about the shows being so close together. Both shows draw from a different type of exhibitor. Madison Square Garden is a very expensive show to attend and the exhibitors can drive back to New Jersey or stay on the Jersey side. Breeders come to the International. That's what that show is about. **Miller:** When I think back at the struggle it has taken to get where we are on the New York show, I can't imagine stopping at this point. When it comes to outreach and awareness, we desperately need publicity with the general public. We have come a long way, to a break-even point, and the impact of this show goes way beyond just CFA, into the sheltering world. There is a huge amount of interest from the New Yorkers. In spite of all the set-backs, we have arrived at a point where this show is very prominent. It showcases our ability and the importance of CFA. It would be very short-sighted for us to not go forward with this show. We can come up with alternatives for the International Show that might be pleasing to the exhibitors, but not as much of a risk for the organization. **Eigenhauser:** When CFA had money, taking a little bit of risk was an acceptable thing to do. We are struggling now to find cuts in the budget to make this work. We cannot afford to gamble with our money. Either show is a risk right now. As an organization, we have to be on stable footing before we can enter into what I consider to be a luxury item. Neither show is a necessity to our core business. **Newkirk:** This is too many "what if's without a sponsorship commitment and we are not in a position to gamble. **Barnaby:** If we give up the show date, we lose our momentum. The success on the show we just had was due to DelaBar's insight on putting Huggins in charge of the committee, who watched the budget very closely. If we don't do it now, we may as well give it up always because the momentum will be gone. **Baugh:** The Garden show fulfills one of the basic purposes of this organization, which is the promotion of purebred cats and the welfare of all cats. I cannot support the International show with the loss that it has sustained. **Cummings:** I can support this show one more year. **Calhoun:** Even though we are showing a profit, the risk level is still very concerning to me. The what if's keep me up at night, because we have no cushion if we suffer a big hit. Have our sponsors committed? **Fulkerson:** They have committed to additional funds for 2007. They are interested in touching our community outreach program. **DelaBar:** We're looking for a package to meet almost all expenses. **Johnson:** We need them to come to the table quickly so that we can work together. **Kallmeyer:** What's the timing that we have to commit to Madison Square Garden? **Tartaglia:** They are holding the space for us. If we expect to get a hotel near the Garden, we will have to sign a contract soon. **Kallmeyer:** It would be realistic that we ask to have a guaranteed contractual sponsorship commitment by April 1, 2007, to make sure that the risk is extenuated. So moved. **DelaBar:** We started out this show feeling it was very important for us to raise the intrinsic value of all cats and we are doing this in several ways. Our exposure at Madison Square Garden gets as many if not more hits than the Eukanuba dog show. The International show was established as a media event, to do this very thing. That has since metamorphosized itself into a breeder-oriented show. If we do not have a media event at a national level, or even at a large regional level, then we lose the visibility that we need to get people to care about our cats and breeders. I feel that we can come in very close to getting our expenses sponsored. I don't want us to lose all the intrinsic and monetary value that we get from this association. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Wilson, J. Watson and Kusy voting no. Newkirk and DelaBar abstained.

(11) **CFA INTERNATIONAL SHOW.**

CFA International Show Committee Chair Debbie Kusy gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Debbie Kusy*
List of Committee Members: *Allene Tartaglia, JoAnn Cordes Brown, Roemann Fulkerson*

As you all know, this year's International Show was held in San Mateo, CA for the second year. Last year's gate totals were very good; this year's were disappointing in comparison, although they were still more than any single year in the last six. Total gate income for all three days was down by about \$17,000. Entries were also down, by exactly 100 cats. On an up note, while the gate was off, vendor income and sponsor participation was equal to, or better than, last year. I do not have the financial totals yet from the treasurer, we hope to have them by the board meeting.

In addition to being a Gold sponsor (as they were last year), Royal Canin also funded a "Welcome to the Show" party at the Crown Royal on Friday night. Amenities included a live DJ and finger food for all, as well as a cash bar. The party was well attended by the exhibitors. Many thanks to Royal Canin for their continued great support, as with all of our corporate partners.

As you are also aware, filming was done by a production crew (Painless Productions) before, during and after the show, for a 2-hour program that is to be telecast on the Game Show Network in March. They "followed" several exhibitors before and during the show and followed up with the winning cat and her owners at their home in Virginia after the show. This filming added much extra work and stress to all involved, including the show committee, judges and the exhibitors. The Game Show Network constructed (at their own expense) a special presentation stage where the top cats in the show were presented by three judges from the show. The time needed to complete the filming for the TV show precluded us from doing the usual presentation that had been done at the show for the last 7 years or so, disappointing many of the exhibitors. As it was, the best in show was not chosen until after 5 p.m., later than it had been in the last several years. However, should the filming happen again in 2007 (which I understand is at the Game Show Network's option), and should Painless Productions decide that they wanted to stay with this year's finals format, I firmly believe that we would be able to find a way to have both presentations. While it may be logistically somewhat difficult to move the cats between the two "rings", we can find a way to make it work.

As a side note – the show committee received an email from the production crew just after the show, thanking us all for our efforts and help, and stating that while their company's name was "Painless Productions", they surely realized that they had been anything but "painless".

We used the same publicity company that we had used in 2005, and I am attaching a copy of their "ROI" report (return on investment). It lists the newspapers, radio stations and TV stations that mentioned the show. We once again advertised in the San Francisco Chronicle, the largest newspaper in the bay area, as well as in many of the smaller local newspapers. There was also a

very eye-catching article in the Washington Post the weekend before the show and while exposure in a newspaper 3000 miles away did nothing to attract gate at the show, the exposure for the cat fancy in general was great and certainly very positive. Because of the lovely Chinese scroll that we debuted at the show we also put some extra advertising in the local Chinese news outlets.

The scroll, which had been donated by the Hong Kong Cat Lovers Society, was unveiled at about 1:30 on Friday at the show. Included in the display were items from CFA's 100-year history. This was a popular site throughout the weekend for visitors and exhibitors alike.

We have already previously committed to do the show in San Mateo in 2007. I realize that without complete financial information it is very difficult to make a decision on that show. Hopefully, Kathy will have more ready by the weekend. Allene looked into other sites, should we decide to move the show to another location, as has been suggested. We are committed to Atlanta in 2008, we checked that hall for 2007 – it is not available. The only viable site that is available for 2007 (besides San Mateo) is Kansas City, MO. This is the same facility that we used before – we were last there in 2000. The fee for the hall is \$22,750 for 100,980 sq. feet, this is comparable in both size and cost to San Mateo. In addition, we would have to pay the hall in Kansas City a \$1 user fee plus tax for each gate ticket that is sold. The financial advantage would be that the decorator cost should be less – San Mateo is in the San Francisco market, and as such is on the high end, not unlike New York City. There are other “hidden” charges – a paramedic needs to be present @ 23.00 per hour, and there is a box office charge of 3% of our gross ticket sales. The obvious advantage to moving the show to Kansas City is that it is centrally located in the United States, making it easier for more exhibitors to drive to the show. When people can drive to a show, they tend to bring more than one cat, the pain and cost of flying with cats has gotten to be too much for many. I noticed this year in San Mateo that there were quite a few breeders that came without a cat. One of the disadvantages to Kansas City is that in addition to the \$1 per cat fee that the hall takes, the gate is considerably less – less gate means less exposure for the show. In addition, the San Mateo area is more populated – according to the US census, as of 2005, there are 699,610 people in San Mateo and 739,426 people in San Francisco. Kansas City's population as of the year 2005 is estimated at 450,353.

Action Item:

Determine the location of the 2007 show.

*Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Kusy*

Newkirk: One thing I want to make sure we take into consideration is that people were unhappy with the television production. If we don't go back to our previous format, they're not coming and we had better make sure we pay attention to that. **Kusy:** I understand that. We were handed this in July and were determined to make it work. If we could have, we would have had the Game Show Network do their finals and us do ours. Despite it all, I hope the cat fancy will watch the show and see it as a good, positive thing. There's no penalty if we don't do the production again. Under the circumstances, we did the best we could. It didn't work out as well as we had hoped. We apologize and would like to move on. The main reasons for the loss were

that corporate sponsorship, show entries and gate were below budget. The decorator was over budget. The labor market in San Francisco is the same as the labor market in New York. The big expense that we have dollar return for is PR and advertising. One of the risks of doing the show on any coast is that you get less exhibitors. There were a lot of people there this year without a cat. Holding the show in the middle of the country would make it more accessible for more people. We looked at Atlanta, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Indianapolis, which were all either unavailable or ruled out. The available options are Kansas City and San Mateo. **DelaBar:** Our sponsors don't want to throw their money away. They would be very happy to see us come back with a strong venue to showcase their sponsorship and our cats. **Miller:** Considering the financials, we should come up with an alternative for 2007 and think in terms of building the International again for 2008. It's too risky to go back to San Mateo. We have to do something else for the exhibitors. **Baugh:** If we decide not to go forward with the International show, I suggest either several clubs in an area, or several clubs in each region go together and put on a show similar to the breeder-type show that the International has become, so there is no risk to CFA. We need to put guidelines in place on what we're going to do with the date if we decide not to do the International. **DelaBar:** If we do not vote to have the International, perhaps we can get several clubs to go together to put on a centrally located one-time show that would hopefully attract 450 exhibitors and have a good, old time fun show. **Johnson:** Exhibitors are not going to want to drive 10 hours to a location central to have a fun show. I don't think exhibitors are going to be happy with being forced into a one-show situation. **Miller:** What about three shows; one west, one central, one east. **Newkirk:** Sure, why not? Asia could have one and Europe could have one. That's at the pleasure of the board. **Newkirk** moves to hold the International show in 2007 in San Mateo, with the right to vote no. **Johnson:** What is it going to cost us to get out of that show hall? **Kusy:** Nothing. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Kusy moves to have the November, 2007 show in Kansas City, with the right to vote no. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Failed.**

Johnson moves to open up the weekend to shows in the continental U.S., the International Division, and Japan for one year. The regional directors will work together. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Kusy moves that the judges selected for 2007 be rolled over to 2008. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** DelaBar and Angell abstained.

(12) **CFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.**

Legislation Committee Chair Joan Miller gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Joan Miller
List of Committee Members: George Eigenhauser, Fred Jacobberger, Phil Lindsley,
Dawn Shiley-Danzeisen
CFA Legislative Group: Joan Miller, Sharon Coleman, George Eigenhauser

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

In January the weekly charts of introduced State bills start coming in. I have been reviewing summaries of approximately 50 to 55 bills each week and reading the full text of many. I select about 10 to 15 each week for CFA tracking. The state bill tracking system is generously provided to CFA by PIJAC. We also are tracking bills in several states that have been carried over from last year's sessions. Below are examples of just a few new bills selected for tracking in the last few weeks. Many are filed but we are waiting to see the text as introduced.

*FL S 14 Prefiled 12/14/06
Bullard (D)*

Purchase of Dogs and Cats

Relates to the purchase of dogs and cats; requires that any cat or dog offered for sale be accompanied by a animal-purchase disclosure; prohibits the pet dealer who is not a breeder of the animal from possessing a dog or cat younger than a certain age; provides that proper veterinary care of the animal returned due to illness or disease may include euthanasia; provides for a refund to the purchaser if pedigree documents are not received expeditiously.

*TX H 461 Prefiled 1/04/07
Miller (R)*

Animal Identification System Participation

Relates to prohibiting mandatory participation in an animal identification system.

*VA H 1853
Wittman (R)*

Mandatory Animal Sterilization

Requires dog and cat dealers to adhere to the same mandatory sterilization requirements as releasing agencies; provides that exemptions are made for fancier breeders, breed improvers, and hobby breeders.

(This bill introduced in January was already killed before text was even available.)

*MA HD 2819/SD 203 Filed 1/10/07
Galvin (D)/DeGirolamo*

Relates to the spaying and neutering of cats.

MN S 121 Introduced 1/18/07

Betzold (DFL)

Animals – Breeder licensing, inspection, fees (over 6 breeding females)

Relates to animals; provides standards of care for dog and cat breeders; appropriates money.

MO H 422, Whorton (D)

MO H 478, Dethrow (R)

Department Of Agriculture Prohibition

Both bills prohibit the Department of Agriculture from participating in the National Animal Identification System absent specific statutory authorization.

NY A 1677

Peralta (D)

Micro Chipping of Dogs and Cats

Relates to the micro-chipping of dogs and cats and the creation of a registry of dogs and cats; exempts feral cats and temporarily kept dogs.

NY A 1691

Tonko (D)

Creates the crime of companion animal hoarding. *(We will want to see the definition.)*

VA H 2100

Orrock (R)

License Tax on Dogs and Cats

Provides a financial disincentive for dog and cat owners who have not spayed or neutered their pets by allowing localities to charge a license fee for each cat or dog that has not been spayed or neutered.

VA H 2295

McClellan (D)

Surcharge on Rabies Vaccinations

Requires veterinarians to collect a surcharge on rabies vaccinations and remit the money to the local treasurer.

WA H 1151

Pearson (R)

Animal Identification System

Prohibits the state from establishing or participating in an animal identification system.

WV H 2096

Browning (D) Introduced 1/12/07

Cats Running at Large County Ordinances

Authorizes county commissions to enact ordinances prohibiting cats from running at large.

Federal:

Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005 (“PAWS”) *We have been informed that some version of the PAWS bill will be reintroduced this session by Senator Richard Durbin (D-Illinois). His aides*

have been meeting with AKC and HSUS. Last year the bill became bogged down with disagreement among the supporters over several issues. It never moved beyond the Rick Santorum's "discussion draft" thanks to strong opposition. The AKC "threshold" for "high volume" breeders would have included most moderate sized catteries as commercial USDA licensed facilities. An exemption proposal through participation in an alternative inspection program was problematic.

Legislative page – CFA Fanc-e-Mews recent articles –

- **November/December 2006 – “Who Owns my Stray Cat”**, by George Eigenhauser. This article explores the complicated issue of ownership related to free roaming cats who are “harbored” and enforcement of local laws. It is now on the CFA website.
- **January/February 2007 – “Contraception for Cats and Dogs”**, by Joan Miller. This article, previously sent to all Board members, reports the exciting research projects underway to find non surgical means to control reproduction in cats and dogs worldwide.

Current Happenings of Committee/Legislative Group:

The National Council on Pet Population Study & Policy – I attended the Board meeting in Alexandria, Virginia on November 7-8, 2006. CFA was a founding member of the National Council 15 years ago. This is a coalition of 12 diverse animal organizations including the HSUS, ASPCA, AVMA, AAHA, SAWA, American Humane, AAFP, APMA, Assoc. of Veterinary Epidemiology, Mass. SPCA, National Animal Control Assoc. and CFA. Each organization has two representatives. George Eigenhauser and I represent CFA. The Council focuses on mutual goals to gather data regarding pet populations and to analyze and recommend strategies to reduce the numbers of homeless dogs and cats in the US. The National Council studies are respected worldwide and have led to further valuable research into animal population dynamics.

I was honored to have been selected the new President of the National Council at this meeting.

The meeting included reports on projects in progress including our shelter population index study to determine accurate numbers of animals entering and leaving shelters in the US. We had an excellent presentation on social marketing (how to modify behavior to benefit society as a whole) as well as a talk by Dr. Kate Hurley on the latest developments in shelter medicine and a presentation on the recent activities of the Maddie's Fund to provide spay/neuter grants, shelter medicine programs and community collaborations.

The Alliance for Contraception in Dogs & Cats Third International Symposium – Alexandria VA, November 9 – 12, 2006. This was an outstanding educational experience with presentations on methods to non-surgically sterilize dogs and cats. See my article published in the CFA Fanc-e-Mews January 2007 issue.

Cat Writers Association conference and social events – November 17-19, 2006; in conjunction with the CFA International Show, Foster City, CA. This is an important opportunity to interact with cat writers, dog writers and others involved in the media who influence public opinion on issues. George, Sharon and I all attended the events and several talks.

Future Projections for Committee and Legislative Group:

- *Ongoing networking with the sheltering community, aligned organizations, veterinarians and lawmakers in order to understand the problems and trends that motivate legislation.*
- *Continuing to find ways to provide perspective on the cat fancy views to those in animal related fields and government.*
- *Working with our national and local cat fancy teams to defeat legislation detrimental to pedigreed cats, feral/unowned cats, CFA's mission and cat ownership.*

National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) National Conference, April 20-22, 2007, Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, WA. NAIA is one of the few organizations boldly challenging animal rights groups and views and addressing animal legislation nationwide. Their growing membership includes animal welfare groups and individuals including those with cats, dogs, horses, birds, pet industry, scientists, veterinarians and pet owners. CFA is a member of NAIA. Patti Strand is the founder.

I am included among a prestigious group of panelists and speakers at the conference. My talk will be “Dogs will Sit and Stay why won't cats?” An overview of cat population dynamics.

Other presentations include animal hoarding (Gary Patronek, DVM); dangerous dog issues (Bonnie Beaver, DVM, past Pres. AVMA); Feral Cat Coalition of Portland; non surgical sterilization (Joyce Briggs ACC&D); canine legislation (Walter Bebout, AKC Director of Legislation). There will be leading legislative, legal and media experts with cutting edge workshops and presentations on animal law, lobbying, lawsuits and other topics.

Linda Berg and George Eigenhauser plan to attend and I hope many cat fanciers will want to come to this important conference at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay. For more information and to register www.naiaonline.org/involved/calendar.htm

Action Items:

Mandated microchipping

Considerable activity surrounds the technology of microchipping on the federal, state and local levels. Congress directed the USDA to come up with regulations to standardize microchipping of animals that would be required for all USDA licensees as well as to consider a possible a microchip system for all pets in the U.S. The “Coalition for Reuniting Pets and Families” is behind a move toward standardizing the European ISO 134.2 kHz microchips in the USA. The coalition consists of HSUS, AHA, AAHA, AVMA, ASPCA and SAWA (Society for Animal Welfare Administrators). The USDA has instituted a voluntary National Animal Identification System (NAIS) for all farm animals with the plan that this will become mandatory and possibly lead to a future pet databank. Several states have already introduced legislation prohibiting their state from establishing or participating in the NAIS. On the local county level we are beginning to see mandated microchip ordinances. One of the first that will go before a county Board of Supervisors is in Riverside County, California probably in February. Should this pass other counties all over the country will introduce similar laws requiring rabies vaccination with

veterinarians forced to pass personal owner information to animal control and microchipping required for all cats and dogs.

The CFA Legislative Group continues to promote and support voluntary microchipping of cats, but we oppose mandatory microchip ID. We also contend that rabies protection for cats at risk can be best assured through promotion of proper veterinary care without the need for mandated microchipping.

CFA has now signed a contract with the American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery (AKC-CAR). This non-profit organization is a national enrollment service with the goal of reuniting lost animals with their owners. CFA supports microchip technology for the protection of animals, but we oppose its misuse as a means to impose and enforce restrictive and unfair pet laws. It is imperative that we have a written Board approved Microchip Guidance Statement as we go forward with promotion of microchipping in conjunction with the AKC-CAR while opposing mandated microchip laws throughout the country. I ask for Board ratification of this statement.

*CFA Guidance Statement
Microchipping as an Identification System for Cats*

Even if a cat never goes outside there is need for individual identification in case of accidental escape, disaster, theft, pedigree match, absence of the owner or other occurrences. The Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) considers microchipping to be the optimum identification method currently available for protecting pet cats when it is linked to a comprehensive system involving voluntary enrollment, safe and private data keeping, advanced scanning device technology and reliable recovery services.

Pet owners who chose microchipping are more likely to keep enrollment contact information up to date and provide a back-up collar and tag or other visual means indicating their cat has been microchipped. A national or global database is preferable to local government agencies keeping pet ownership data as long as this protects personal privacy and assures that a cat has the best chance for recovery anywhere even when traveling, transferred to a new owner or relocated with the family. CFA encourages the development and use of universal scanners capable of detecting all microchips regardless of manufacture along with conscientious scanning of all cats in every animal shelter. In addition, CFA supports broad distribution of scanners to shelters, veterinary clinics and rescue groups. Successful reuniting of cats with their owners greatly depends on a dedicated recovery service operating 24 hours 365 days a year, such as the American Kennel Club Companion Animal Recovery.

CFA considers laws mandating microchips as a means to track all animal owners for enforcement purposes to be a misuse of the technology. This is a deterrent to public acceptance and further advancement of microchip identification technology.

*Joan Miller,
January 4, 2007*

Miller moved to adopt a guidance statement encouraging microchipping, yet opposing mandated microchipping. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Updates and pending legislative matters.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Miller, Chair*

(13) **ANIMAL WELFARE/PUREBRED RESCUE.**

Animal Welfare Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Linda Berg
Liaison to Board: Kay Janosik
List of Committee Members: Pam DelaBar

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

I have been working with Diane Vetterl to shorten the list of old cases. If we cannot take the case to completion because of courts or other roadblocks, we are removing them from the open list. We will be removing nine at this time. Diane is putting a note in the bad pay file info to contact me, should they resurface and try to start breeding again.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Working on current cases and still working to update old files.

Future Projections for Committee:

Still taking input to update the current Cattery Inspection Form.

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Berg Chair*

Purebred Rescue Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Linda Pollack Mercer, M.D.
Liaison to the Board: Kay Janosik
List of Committee Members: Linda Pollack Mercer, MD, President & Rescue Coordinator of PCBR
Linda Berg, Secretary of PCBR
Leslie Falteisek, Treasurer of PCBR
Wanda Roe, President, Persian and Himalayan Rescue
DeLynne Satimore, The International Cat Association, Inc. (TICA) Liaison and Chair of the TICA Rescue Committee
Warren Cox, Retired - previously Director, SPCA of Texas (Dallas, TX); Montgomery Co. Animal Shelter (Dayton, OH); Director of Animal Protection for the American Humane Association (Denver, CO); now at SunCoast Humane (FL) on an interim basis

Linda Brackett, President Nemasket Orphaned Animal Haven, Inc.

Susan Sarason, Retired - 2002-2005 Board of Directors of St Francis Animal Sanctuary; 1997-2001 President, Sarason and Associates (Marketing & Public Relations Corporation); 1979-1988 US Environmental Protection Agency

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Approximately 1700 cats rescued in 2007 and many referrals to breed rescues. CFA Breeds included: Persian, Siamese, Tonkinese, Somali, Scottish Fold, Devon Rex, Sphynx, American Shorthair, Ragdoll, Manx, Maine Coon, Exotic Shorthair, Havana Brown, Birman, Korat, American Curl, Burmese, Abyssinian, Somali, Oriental Shorthair, Tonkinese, Turkish Van, British Shorthair, Turkish Angora, Cornish Rex. This year there has been no "winter respite" in the flow of purebreds needing rescue, and domestic cat rescues are reporting there has been no end to the kitten season with new litters needing rescue throughout the winter. Most rescues report 2006 was the worst year in many, many years when it comes to cats needing rescue. That was our experience, as well.

In addition to purebreds this year, we also helped relocate many cats from areas hard hit by Katrina and Rita. While many organizations provided help in the acute emergency and raised major funds in the process, the situation in those areas remains dismal. Many people are finding it impossible to make ends meet with the destruction of their homes and livelihood by the hurricanes and the very slow rebuilding of the area. Many very adoptable animals are still stranded in what were meant to have been temporary housing and sanctuaries, with little hope of adoption in that area. As a result, we have worked with our network of rescues to relocate as many animals as we can to areas where adopters are available. We have done this with no financial cost to us, though we have had to curtail those efforts since funds we had expected have not been made available to help the receiving rescues with their costs.

Current Happenings of Committee:

CFA Purebred Rescue presented a booth at the International. A good deal of literature was made available to attendees. Unfortunately, the people who have offered to run the booth were otherwise occupied much of the time due to unforeseen events. We really need help from regional representatives to run booths now that we have the literature and mechanics worked out. One club that was VERY generous in 2006 is no longer willing to help us with raffles and a booth, due to our previous secretary's oversight in not sending a formal thank you (though the club was thanked personally at the show and on the CFA list by Linda Mercer). This was a major loss since this was one of the few shows Linda Mercer was personally able to attend and she had manned the booth there herself last year. Regional clubs and individuals willing to man booths are very important to our educational efforts, as well as providing a source of fund raising.

We need Regional Director to ask the regional clubs to help us out. It would take minimal effort for those collecting admission fees from spectators at shows to display our donation cans at the table and keep track of the cans, sending them back to us after the show. Perhaps regional directors could ask for volunteers to help us with booths at shows? We would provide all the materials.

Leslie Falteisek has done an impressive job of reconstructing and balancing our financial records, left in disarray by our previous secretary. See Leslie's Financial Reports attached.

Due to our difficulties with our previous treasurer, the grants applications we had prepared could not be sent – as they required two years of records which were not available until Leslie was able to reconstruct them. As a result, we lost the opportunity for a Petsmart grant that we had received initial approval of.

We have obtained liability insurance for our board of directors and volunteers through Kennel Pak.

Future Projections for Committee:

- *To submit grants and find outside ways of funding PBCR/CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc.*
- *Obtain funding for hoarder and foster pamphlets, which have already been drafted.*
- *Recruit clubs and individuals to help run booths at shows for PBCR/CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc.*
- *Recruit clubs and individuals to hand out flyers for Operation Noble Foster and help us sign up new fosters. It has been some time since volunteers for this program were recruited. Many of the names or contact information are out-of-date and the need for foster homes continues with approximately 45 military requests for foster homes a month in recent months.*

The Board of PBCR/CFA Purebred Rescue, Inc. is working hard to keep our efforts focused and minimize cost. As previously noted, the numbers have continued to grow this year, despite the addition of the CFA Breeder Assistance program which has helped with some of the load considerably. We do not want to have to leave Purebreds to be euthanized in shelters - all of these cats deserve to live. We very much need the help of regions, clubs and individuals to continue our work.

*Sincerely,
Linda Pollack Mercer, MD*

Janosik: Leslie Falteisek has done an impressive job of doing everything necessary to keep the 501(c)(3) status. Unfortunately, Leslie resigned, and that resignation was accepted by the board, with regret.

Breeder Assistance Program Liaison Kay Janosik gave the following report:

Committee Chair: *Linda Berg*
Liaison to Board: *Kay Janosik*
List of Committee Members: *Regional Coordinators*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The Breeders Assist Program (“BAP”) has been up and running for several months now. We have had about 10 Breeder Assist cases that have been completed successfully. This program is about helping and this group has found some very innovative ways to do that! We have the website up cfabreedersassist.org. Please check it out and give us feedback!

The Midwest Food Pantry, a part of the BAP, has taken off very well. They have done numerous assists with food and even toys. In November, I met with Royal Canin at the International Show and spoke to them about food donations for BAP to take this program to a national level. This past week they shipped the first product to us! We had nine skids sent to the Illinois warehouse and another 9 skids sent to a Rescue in Georgia. This Rescue has been taking a lot of cats from the Katrina area for Purebred Rescue. They are very excited to have a place for their surplus food and we are finding a real need for it! Royal Canin also raised \$600.00 at the International for BAP by taking a donation for the huge empty food cans that were left on Sunday at the International.

The Midwest Region has done several food drives before this donation. They have sent out food to fire victims, people who have lost their jobs and donated food that was about to expire to the local shelters in the name of CFA Breeders Assist. I think this project as a whole is going to bring the community and CFA a lot closer.

Current Happenings of Committee:

- *We are being incorporated.*
- *We are working out the details of becoming an National Food Pantry.*

Future Projections for Committee:

Promotion in the CFA Community.

Action Items:

We ask that each of the Regions put us in your newsletters so people know we are out here to help. Also, if you know of needs for food in your area please contact us.

Of course if possible any kind of fundraising or donations for Breeders Assist would be greatly appreciated. We have a donations button at the website attached to Paypal and Leslie Falteisek is our treasurer.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

The progress of the program as we become better known.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Berg Chair*

Janosik: The food pantry came out of a need by someone that was not a breeder and about to give up their cats because they couldn't afford to feed them anymore. We got the idea to start collecting food and that naturally flowed into the Breeder Assist Program. We're very careful to keep everything confidential. We want people to feel they can come to us and ask for help while they downsized or reorganized their cattery. Royal Canin sent food to our breeder assist warehouse and to a large rescue in the Atlanta area which is helping with the Katrina relocations. We want to thank Royal Canin for this donation. The warehouse owner is absorbing our shipping cost, so we're very blessed. In the Midwest Region, we are continuing to have food drives. Every little bit helps build morale and bring people together to help the cats in a very cohesive community environment.

(14) **WINN FOUNDATION.**

Winn Foundation Liaison George Eigenhauser presented the following report:



President: *Dr. Susan Little*
Liaison to CFA Board: *George Eigenhauser*
Executive Director: *Janet Wolf*
Board Members: *George Eigenhauser, Betsy Gaither, Hilary Helmrich,
Fred Jacobberger, Betty White*

Brief Summary of Immediate Past Activities:

*On September 26, 2006, the Winn board and its veterinary consultants and advisors met via telephone conference to discuss the proposals received for funding via the Miller Trust program. Winn received 16 proposals for review from the list of institutions mandated by the terms of the Trust. Our review led to a recommendation to approve funding for 6 proposals totaling \$87,515. The grants are for studies of heart disease, pain management, genetic testing for feline blood types, and two infectious disease studies (feline infectious peritonitis and *Cytauxzoon felis*). Winn is also pleased to support a multi-institutional study to improve understanding of the factors that influence shelter cat populations.*

*At our board meeting on October 6, 2006, Winn named the second recipient of our Media Appreciation Award. The award was given to Kim Campbell Thornton, a well-known journalist and editor. Kim is best known for her books on dog and cat care, and is currently the author of a regular column, *Creature Comforts*, for MSNBC.com. Kim has featured Winn and the results of our research efforts in the mainstream media numerous times, giving us excellent exposure to the pet-owning public. Kim was given the award on-air during Steve Dale's Pet Central radio show on WGN Chicago on October 29, 2006.*

In ongoing efforts to develop our own media relations program, we have created a Winn Feline Foundation News group. This will be used to distribute media releases to journalists. The first media release, announcing the award to Kim Campbell, was used to test our new service on December 13, 2006.

One of our next media releases will be the announcement of a new genetic test for feline blood groups. The mutations responsible for blood types A and B were discovered by the lab of Dr. Leslie Lyons at University of California, Davis. This research was supported by a Winn-Miller Trust grant. The genetic test is now available through the Veterinary Genetics Lab at U.C.

Davis. This new test method should be more accurate than current methods, and will also enable breeders to determine which blood type A cats are carrying the recessive blood type B.

Janet Wolf, our Executive Director, has spent the last few months working on our grant programs and solicitations. Janet coordinates the grant proposals we receive for both rounds of funding. This involves many tasks, such as mailing out copies to all the reviewers, and notifying researchers of our decision regarding their proposals. These tasks were performed for Winn by Central Office staff until recently.

Janet continues to increase the number of solicitations we are mailing out, although increasingly Winn must pay contract labor for the intensive tasks of stuffing, addressing and mailing envelopes since CO is very limited in the support they can now provide. Designing the solicitations and maintaining mailing lists are time consuming tasks for Janet, but critical if Winn is to continue expanding its support for feline health research. She has been able to produce several mailings since our last board meeting, including a fall solicitation to CFA clubs, a first-time mailing to overseas donors, and a "holiday season" mailing to known donors, as well as three mailings to donors in certain U.S. states. The assistance of the CO staff and print shop are greatly appreciated. She has expanded our direct mail campaign by improving the quality of the mailing lists we use, and is working on our February "Love" campaign as well as our traditional spring solicitation. Janet has donated some of the costs involved in these solicitations. Winn's winter newsletter is also in preparation. Janet attended the Annual Animal Grantmakers Conference to develop contacts with a variety of organizations that focus on funding companion animal programs. She generously covered her own expenses for this trip.

Janet has also helped prepare and finalize several articles for the CFA Almanac as Winn provides content for every issue of this publication. Betty White helps Janet with article preparation and editing, as well as producing Winn Health News on a regular basis. Betty has also prepared two media releases for Winn this fall. In addition, Betty performs other duties for Winn, such as writing thank-you notes to donors.

Winn had representation at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show (Betty White) and the CFA International Show (Betsy Gaither). Both Betty and Betsy generously paid their own expenses to represent Winn at these very important CFA shows.

Betsy Gaither has been working non-stop since she joined our board in June 2006. She has established Winn's own merchant account services. She has had the huge task of re-ordering Winn's finances, including purchasing new accounting software, and converting our financial records from the database held at CO. This has turned out to be a much more difficult task than anticipated, as we must also move our donor database out of CO, and integrate all this information in a new system. While this is a complex and time-consuming job, it will improve Winn's financial accounting. It will also allow us to manage our own donor database since CO is no longer able to perform this service for us. Full recording of donations moved to Betsy from CO as of January 1, 2007. One of our goals is to lighten the workload that the CO staff performs for Winn. We remain very grateful for all the support that CO and CFA as a whole give to Winn, and we do not wish to overburden the already hard-working CO staff.

Betsy also headed the effort to interview candidates for a new accountant to perform auditing functions for Winn. A new firm has been hired and we are pleased that this will improve our ability to meet our requirements as a non-profit organization. At our October board meeting, a Finance Committee was approved consisting of the President, Treasurer, and Legal Counsel. This committee will be responsible for making short-term investment decisions as well as long-term investment planning.

Winn board members have various projects and goals they continue to work on, such as developing guidelines for breed related projects and production of a CD on genetics (Hilary Helmrich), writing articles and newsletters (Betty White), estate planning (George Eigenhauser), and Winn's legal issues (Fred Jacobberger).

The publication of Royal Canin's "A Practical Guide to Cat Breeding" has provided several opportunities for promotion of Winn to breeders, both in North America and overseas. Dr. Little has participated in seminars in Toronto and in the Netherlands this fall, allowing more opportunities to promote Winn. Dr. Little's expenses for these breeders' seminars are generously paid by Royal Canin. In addition, Dr. Little had the opportunity to promote Winn at several veterinary seminars this fall (expenses paid by IDEXX Laboratories) and at the Central Veterinary Conference in San Diego (expenses paid by the conference). Through radio and print interviews, Dr. Little continues to provide media exposure for Winn for the pet-owning public.

Current and Upcoming Activities:

The North American Veterinary Conference will be held January 13-17 in Orlando, FL. The CFA/Winn booth will be there, and Dr. Little will assist Allene Tartaglia in staffing the booth, as well as lecture at the conference. Dr. Little's expenses are covered by IDEXX Laboratories.

On February 2, 2007, the Winn board, veterinary consultants and veterinary advisors will meet to review the 39 grant proposals received for funding this year. We hope to award approximately the same amount of money in grants as in 2006. This will be the last time that veterinary consultant Dr. Al Legendre participates in grant review, as his second term of service to Winn comes to a close.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Our board meeting will take place on the evening of February 1, 2007. One of the main items on the agenda will be finalizing our move to a new website in the near future. Winn reluctantly says goodbye to Karen Lawrence, our volunteer webmaster since the inception of our site. Winn's growth and evolving needs have necessitated a complete overhaul and review of our internet presence. The new site will improve our outreach to pet owners, veterinarians, researchers and the media. We will now have our own e-commerce capabilities and more timely access to donations and payments made online. The new service was picked after a comparison of several options, including staying with our current server and webmaster. We selected our new service as the most cost-effective alternative, and the ability to have e-commerce services that integrate seamlessly with our merchant account and our new accounting software. At our board meeting, we will also finalize plans to formally thank Karen and show her our appreciation for her dedicated service to Winn.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Susan Little
President, Winn Feline Foundation*

On Friday, the Board was joined by its veterinary consultants to review the 39 grant proposals that Winn had received. I am pleased to report that Winn will be funding 8 studies totaling \$127,544. The grants include:

- 1. An evaluation of the effectiveness of transdermal gel formulations in delivering medications to cats. Auburn University*
- 2. The feasibility and effectiveness of stem cell transfer for the treatment of chronic renal disease in cats. Colorado State University.*
- 3. Assessing the possible sexual transmission of Tritrichomonas, a protozoan pathogen sometimes implicated in feline diarrhea, and its effect on reproduction, prevention, and treatment. North Carolina State University.*
- 4. Molecular Characterization of feline COX-2 enzyme and its expression in feline mammary cancer to set the stage for designing new strategies for cancer therapy and prevention in cats. This study was partially funded by the Siamese Breed Council. University of Montreal.*
- 5. Target Gene Mapping of the Feline-Human Comparative Map with special emphasis on the Y-chromosome. Texas A & M.*
- 6. To assess the role of infectious agents in life-threatening immune-mediated hemolytic anemia in cats and to develop more precise diagnostics and tools. Colorado State University.*
- 7. Development of a recombinant DNA vaccine for cats against avian influenza. University of GA*
- 8. A search for the gene that causes familial hypertrophic cardiomyopathy in Ragdolls, Norwegian Forest Cats and Sphynx. This study was partially funded by the breeders of these cats and by the Ricky Fund. Washington State University.*

(15) **PUBLICATIONS.**

Publications Chair Donna Brawner presented the following report:

Liaison to Board: *Kitty Angell*
List of Committee Members: *Donna Brawner, Donna Day*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities

Regretfully, Donna Brawner recently resigned as chair of the Publications Committee due to personal reasons. However, Donna wishes to remain a member of the committee to assist in any way possible.

Current Happenings of Committee

National Yearbook:

The committee continues to work toward the goal of publishing a nationally marketed CFA Yearbook based on the proposal previously approved by the CFA Board. Using the content outline presented in the October 2006 Publications Committee Report, the committee is working to line up authors, artists and others to contribute to the national book.

Taylor Publishing is very interested in our national Yearbook and is willing to pursue distributors on our behalf in order to market the book to major booksellers. Before proceeding, they require that we purchase an ISBN number for the book, which is a minimal expense. Donna Brawner is handling that and continues to be our contact with Taylor.

2007 Yearbook:

Work on the 2007 Yearbook is nearly completed. It is hoped that it will be in the hands of our printer by the time of the February board meeting, which is nearly two months ahead of last year's schedule.

Future Projections for Committee

Yearbook:

The publications staff has had numerous meetings to discuss ways to shorten the production cycle for the Yearbook and thus enable earlier release of the completed book. We have set goals to streamline many of the processes used to produce the book, with plans to implement them for production of the 2008 Yearbook. We are developing a tutorial on how to submit a Yearbook ad, complete with FAQs. We plan to make this available on the CFA web site along with our annual Yearbook advertising forms and information.

Almanac:

We propose that CFA discontinue publication of the printed Almanac, and that any significant magazine content not already available elsewhere be moved to the Online Almanac. Because the Online Almanac (OLA) is updated monthly, it is a perfect medium for reporting current events and newsworthy items. The publication schedule for the printed Almanac is such that each issue is nearly outdated by the time it is released.

Subscriptions to the printed Almanac continue to decline; they are nearly half of what they were when the magazine went bi-monthly in April 2004. Following is the Almanac subscription history for the past several years:

<u>Issue</u>	<u># of Paid Subscriptions</u>
April 2002	3,761
April 2003	3,501
April/May 2004	3,043 (start of bi-monthly publication)
April/May 2005	2,466
April/May 2006	2,018
Dec. 2006/January 2007	1,782

Breeder advertising has declined as well. Breeder display advertising (small box ads) has just about ceased, with only two of these ads appearing in the most recent issue. As you know, the Almanac offers advertising specials associated with national and regional wins, distinguished merit awards, breed articles, etc. In recent years, we have had few or no advertisers for some of these specials. Advertising for national wins in the August/September 2006 Almanac, which always had the greatest response, dropped to nearly half of what it was in 2004, while regional win advertising in the October/November issue declined more than 50 percent, as indicated by the following figures:

<u>Year</u>	<u># of NW Ads</u>	<u># of RW ads</u>
2004	45	33
2005	34	29
2006	25	13

There is no longer enough support for the printed Almanac to justify the expense of continued publication. That expense includes not only printing, but also distribution in the form of shipping and mailing. While Jostens has not raised their price for printing the magazine, we have received notice that our international mail distributor is increasing their rates. We are also facing an impending 11-12 percent increase in postal rates for periodicals effective June 1, 2007.

The following figures represent an overview of the expenses associated with publication of the printed Almanac for the past year, or six issues. Actual costs vary based on the number of pages and weight per issue.

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Average Per Issue</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u>
Printing	\$6,658	\$39,948
Mail House	\$ 235	\$ 1,411
International Mailer	\$ 260	\$ 1,562
Postage	<u>\$1,279</u>	<u>\$ 7,674</u>
Grand Total	\$8,432	\$50,595

While we would realize a potential savings of approximately \$50,595 annually if we cease publication of the printed Almanac, we would be faced with a substantial liability for unfulfilled subscriptions. Based on a liability report run on 1/18/07, total magazine liability, if we ceased publication immediately, would amount to \$47,418. However, this liability would decrease with each issue published, e.g., publication of the February/March Almanac drops the liability to \$38,189. We would encourage as many subscribers as possible to convert their subscriptions over to the Online Almanac. There are some individuals that subscribe to both the printed and the online publications, and we would offer to extend their online subscriptions accordingly.

We propose to continue publishing the printed Almanac through the October/November 2007 regional awards issue, which would enable a smoother transition in a number of areas: (1) publication through October/November would reduce the outstanding liability, with renewals and new subscriptions prorated to end with that issue; (2) there would be ample time to advise our current subscribers that the magazine will cease publication and to take appropriate action to satisfy the outstanding liability; and (3) the publications staff would have sufficient time to plan, design and implement the relocation of pertinent magazine content to the OLA format.

A substantial amount of Almanac content is already available elsewhere, such as the show calendar, Scoreboards, standings, timetable and other CFA business. Attached to this report is a list of typical Almanac content and how it would be handled if we cease publication of the magazine. Moving significant content to the OLA and Yearbook would enhance both of those publications and hopefully encourage more support of them.

We would incur some loss of revenue in the form of breeder and commercial ads, but the loss would not be substantial. A general decline in advertising has accompanied the decline in subscriptions, to the point where we have only a handful of regular advertisers. The majority of our advertisers are billed bi-monthly, while several pre-paid contracts for breeder and small commercial ads expire in August 2007. Our contract with Petmate expires with the April/May 2007 issue. Currently we are under contract with Royal Canin for advertising and sponsorship through December 2008. We would work with Roemann Fulkerson, Director of Marketing and Publication Relations, to develop an equitable solution for both CFA and Royal Canin.

Even though there would be substantial savings in production and distribution expense if we no longer publish the printed Almanac, we would realize no savings in staff expense. The material must continue to be input/downloaded, formatted, proofread, edited and designed as it is now, except that it will be presented in a different medium. Some duplication of effort will be eliminated, however, which would free up more staff time for Yearbook production and enable us to release the Yearbook earlier.

Action Item

Discontinue publication of the printed Almanac immediately after the release of the October/November 2007 Regional Winner issue, Volume 24, Number 3, as outlined in the above proposal.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

If the above action item is approved, we will present a proposal at the June 2007 board meeting to address printed Almanac subscription liability, including potential conversions to and extensions of Online Almanac subscriptions as well as details on how we might handle subscriber refunds and/or credits.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Krzanowski*

Almanac Content

Following is a list of typical Almanac content and how it would be handled in the event that the printed Almanac ceases to be published. Much of the content must continue to be prepared in electronic format for dissemination either through the CFA web site, the Online Almanac (OLA) or the Yearbook.

Departments

- *Cover Cat Photo: already available in OLA.*
- *Grand/DM Photos: move to OLA and publish in color.*
- *Junior Showmanship Calendar: already available on CFA web site.*
- *Junior Showmanship Results: move to OLA.*
- *Mewslime: move to OLA, but include only those items that are truly newsworthy. Currently we sometimes use less newsworthy items in order to fill a signature for the printer.*
- *National/Regional Standings: already available in OLA.*
- *Photographers' Show Schedule: move to OLA.*
- *Scoreboard: already available in OLA.*
- *Show Calendar: already available on CFA web site.*

CFA Business

- *Annual Meeting Information: already available on CFA web site.*
- *International Show Information: already available on CFA web site.*
- *NY Show Information: already available on CFA web site.*
- *Approved/Cattery of Excellence Catteries: move to OLA.*
- *CFA Meeting Calendar: move to OLA.*
- *CFA Timetable: move to OLA; already available on CFA web site.*
- *Club Applicants: move to OLA.*
- *Club Name Change: move to OLA.*

- *Delinquent Clubs: move to OLA.*
- *Disciplinary Suspensions: already available in OLA and on CFA web site.*
- *CFA Judges: already available in OLA.*
- *Judge Applicants: move to OLA.*
- *Declared Candidates: already available on CFA web site.*
- *Candidate Statements: already available on CFA web site.*
- *Executive & Board Meeting Agenda: already published, when available, in OLA.*
- *CFA Officers & Directors: move to OLA; list is already available without contact information on CFA web site.*
- *Breed Council Secretaries/Committee Chairs: move to OLA; list already available without contact information on CFA web site.*
- *CFA Clerks: already available in OLA.*
- *Clerking Schools: already available on CFA web site.*
- *Breed Publications: move to OLA.*
- *White Pages: already available in OLA in PDF format; print copies on demand for those that wish to purchase a hard copy and cannot print the PDF version themselves.*
- *Donations: move to OLA.*
- *Services & Fees: already available on CFA web site.*
- *Registration Statistics: already available in OLA.*

Features

Major features of a historical nature will be reserved for publication in the Yearbook. Due to the fact that it has become increasingly difficult to obtain authors for articles and columns in recent years, some of these will no longer be published or will be published only when available.

- *CFA International Show article: already available in OLA and Yearbook.*
- *CFA International Show results: move to OLA.*
- *NY Show article: already available in OLA and Yearbook.*
- *Distinguished Merit Cats article: move to Yearbook.*
- *Show Statistics article: already available in OLA.*
- *Breed articles: move to Yearbook.*
- *National Awards list: move to OLA and offer special advertising for award winners. A listing that has an associated ad will appear as a hot link to a popup ad. The listing and ads will remain available in the OLA for three months.*
- *Regional Awards list: move to OLA and offer special advertising for award winners. A listing that has an associated ad will appear as a hot link to a popup ad. The listing and ads will remain available in the OLA for three months.*
- *Top Cat articles (annual NW stories): eliminate.*
- *Special Interest articles (club/community interaction, medical, etc.): if submitted and they have merit, move to Yearbook.*
- *Regular Columns (clerking, mentoring, show rules, etc.): if submitted, move to OLA.*
- *Obituaries: move to OLA.*

Winn Foundation

- *Health News: move to OLA.*
- *Progress Reports: move to OLA; already available on Winn web site and if significant, also in the Yearbook.*
- *Health Symposia: move to OLA; already available in the Yearbook.*
- *Annual Report: move to OLA; already available in the Yearbook.*

Krzanowski: The primary focus of this report is the serious situation of the printed Almanac. The figures speak for themselves as to how support for the printed magazine has declined over the past several years. We are to a point now where we cannot continue to print it for such a small subscriber base. **Baugh** moved to discontinue publication of the printed Almanac immediately after the release of the October/November 2007 Regional Winner issue, Volume 24, Number 3. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Newkirk, Calhoun and Anger leave the meeting, due to unavoidable airline schedules.

(16) **CLERKING PROGRAM.**

Clerking Program Chair Regina Shaffer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Regina Shaffer
List of Committee Members: Rob Loot, Masayuki Okada

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Clerks Status: We currently have 309 clerks of various levels as of January 9, 2007, 23 Master Clerk Instructors (MCI), 116 Master Clerks (MC), 170 Certified Ring Clerks (RC). This is an increase of 26 clerks (no change to MCI, 9 additional MCs, and 17 additional RCs).

Current Happenings of Committee:

Clerking Schools: We continue to see interest in the Clerking Program as evidenced by the number of Clerking Schools recently held. From September through December 2006, there were eleven clerking schools conducted. These schools were held in California (2), Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, and Texas, as well as 2 schools in Japan and 3 International schools (all held in Asia). Of these eleven schools, five were taught by MCs working towards their MCI license; three by MCIs, and four schools were taught by Allbreed Judges. (The Clerking School held in conjunction with the International had both President Pam DelaBar and MCI Nancey Abbott as co-instructors.) Seven clerking schools have been scheduled from January through November 2007, which includes one in the International Division (Taiwan). Additionally, we have completed yet another Entry Clerking School also in conjunction with 2006 International Show.

In review of Entry Clerk and Ring Clerk Schools held in conjunction with the CFA International Show, both were successful with 8 students registered for each. However, actual attendance to the Entry Clerking School was only three and that was a disappointment. There was miscommunication with the Ring Clerking School which caused none of the Student Kits to be delivered. While Show Rules and evaluations were covered with the extras materials available from the EC School, none of the clerking manuals were available for the RC students.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continued status of the Clerking Program.

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully submitted,
Regina Shaffer, Chair*

(17) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.**

Management Committee Chair **James Watson** presented the following report:

Committee Chair: James Watson
Committee Members: Peg Johnson, Annette Wilson, Gloria Hoover, and Anne McCulloch

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

1. *A method to find a replacement Executive Director was presented.*
2. *Allene Tartaglia was appointed ED by the Executive Committee.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

The committee is continuing to work on Committee job descriptions.

A job description of the Executive Committee will be presented at this meeting. Revision of Page 8 of the CFA Directors Guidebook is attached. Reflects change to \$30 per diem for meals. This was approved, with modification. The modified copy is attached.

Future Projections for Committee:

A review of Central Office was done over three years ago and recommendations were made to have a professional company review and implement good business practices at Central Office. It is time to complete what was started. A budget request was re-sent and received by the Finance Committee Chair for consideration in this year's budget.

J. Watson: We missed an opportunity when we didn't follow up on the recommendations of the George S. May Company. Whatever we do in Central Office, and whatever direction we take, we still have a tremendous void in good business practices, policy and procedure manual, human relations operations and all of the other things that go into operating a business that could possibly help us in the long run. Those things still need to be considered.

Action Items:

Approve the job description of the Executive Committee [see below].

Anger: I'm curious as to how this matches our constitution. **J. Watson:** Our constitution does not address the executive committee. **Eigenhauser:** Whoever drafted our constitution in 1906 didn't draft all of the amendments and changes that have been made over the years. Many have been made by well-meaning people but sometimes you find holes in our constitution. One of the holes is, there is no mention of an executive committee. In this case, we're creating a written policy to fill in a gap. **Angell:** People are elected to certain positions for definite reasons by our constituents. It doesn't seem to be a particularly profitable thing for a person who may have just gotten on the board, to be elected president of the CFA Executive Board. **Eigenhauser:**

Generally, in speaking to any kind of instruction, the more specific controls over the more general. So, in a general statement of how the executive committee operates and then a specific set of rules, the specific would control over the general. This is the general. **J. Watson:** It simply says that if a vacancy occurred, we have the ability to appoint a chair and it would not be done lightly or serendipitously. The entire board would have to approve it. **DelaBar:** My only concern is that most of our executive board meetings are done on emergency matters. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** Calhoun, Angell, DelaBar, Johnson and Barnaby voting no. Anger abstained.

Time Frame:

This meeting.

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Depending on budget approval, the selection of a company, or individual, to proceed with the implementation of good business practices at Central Office.

Addendums to the Board Members Guidebook as they develop.

*Respectfully Submitted,
James Watson, Chair*

Executive Committee

I. Organization and Purpose

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chair of any committee that will be affected by the decision of this committee as well as any other member deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

II. Committee Duties and Responsibilities

The Executive Committee shall represent the Board of Directors in all matters of business affecting CFA when and as directed by the Board of Directors, and shall act for the Board of Directors between board meetings when it is in the best interest of CFA to do so. The Executive Committee shall work as a unit to solve time-sensitive problems when it is impossible or impractical to contact all Board Members of CFA.

The Chairperson of the Committee (President or Chairperson as elected by the Board) shall be responsible for establishing the agendas for meetings of the Committee. An agenda, together with materials relating to the subject matter of each meeting, shall be prepared to document the Committee's discharge of its responsibilities. The Committee shall make regular reports to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors must ratify such actions at its next regular meeting and be pre-noticed of these actions by email or other electronic media at the soonest date following the action of the Committee.

III. Committee Communications

To facilitate timely response, the Executive Committee should take full advantage of electronic communications as is available.

BOARD MEETING EXPENSE REPORT GUIDELINES*

- *Receipts must accompany all expenses in excess of \$25.00, including but not limited to rental cars, airfares and hotels.*
- *Airfares submitted for reimbursement must include an airline receipt and itinerary.*
- *No combined expense (i.e.: meals, supplies, telephone charges) will be accepted for compensation. Each officer or committee chairperson should submit operational expense reports separately, as these charges are allocated to individual committee budgets.*
- *A Per Diem of \$30.00 per day is allotted to board members for meal expense with the exception of the meal for the Annual Banquet which will be covered.**
- *Mileage to be expensed at the rate currently allowed and documented in CFA's current show rules. 26.02 b. 1.*
- *Lodging for board activities are limited to the day before and the day after the event. All exceptions must be submitted for approval to the CFA Executive Board prior to payment.*
- *Please use the master account set up for each board meeting whenever possible and practical.*
- *Central Office shall make every effort to arrange Board meetings at locations and in facilities consistent with the Federal Register listed per diem by area.*
- *Approval for any expenditure in excess of the currently approved budget for that account or committee will require a request for budget amendment and approval of the CFA Finance Committee prior to payment.*
- *Board members leaving office at the end of the Annual Meeting will have expenses reimbursed through the end of the Annual Meeting.*
- *Board members elected at the Annual Meeting will have expenses reimbursed beginning with the October Board Meeting.*

(18) **TECHNOLOGY/WEB SITE COMMITTEE.**

Technology Committee Chair Dick Kallmeyer gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Dick Kallmeyer

Members: Karen Lawrence, Connie Sellitto, Allene Tartaglia, Peg Johnson

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA web site had 6.8 million page loads for October to December 2006, up 10% over a year ago. There were 1.5 million unique visitors, with 87% of these first time visitors. Revenue generated from web sales during this period was \$71,683.

In 2006, total page loads were 25.5 million with 5.7 million unique visitors and 4.8 million first time visitors. The CFA kids site received 484 thousand page loads, about 40,000 per month. Over \$275,000 was generated via web sales. Note that this revenue includes Winn donations.

The Winn Foundation is moving to their own web site. This will generate a significant amount of necessary work for changes to the CFA site (over 783 link references) and will impact current projects. CFA web sales numbers will decrease

Current Happenings of Committee:

WEB PAGE LOADS:

- October 2,347,061
- November 2,349,975
- December 2,131,506

FANC-E-MEWS

The November/December edition of Fanc-e-Mews, CFA's free online magazine, was released. Features include:

- *A Report on the CFA-Iams Cat Championship show*
- *CFA International Cat Show*
- *Christmas Gifts for Cat Lovers*
- *Holiday Foods Can Upset Your Pet*
- *Hazard Free Holidays for your Pets*
- *Neutering Your Pet Can Improve Health and Behavior*
- *Who Owns "My Strays?"*

FOR KIDS ... ABOUT CATS

FOR KIDS had 175,553 page loads in the May through September time frame.

NEW ON THE SITE:

Added:

- *Results from the CFA International show*
- *Results from the CFA-IAMS Cat Championship*
- *New issue of Fanc-E-Mews*
- *Online Cattery name application, available in the online catalog.*
- *NYSE Closing Bell photo*

Future Projections for Committee:

Necessary changes to the CFA web site will be made due to the upcoming transfer of the Winn web pages to a new server.

Action Items:

None

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Kallmeyer, Chair*

(19) JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP.

Junior Showmanship Liaison Kitty Angell presented the following report:

The Junior Showmanship program began nine years ago when Debbie Stevenson, Dawn Skupin and I began work on a way to implement an idea for a program for young people in CFA. Debbie did the writing of the proposal, I did the fieldwork and in April of 1999 we held our first Junior Showmanship competition at the City Beautiful Cat Show. Kitty Angell, who supported Junior Showmanship then and continues to do so, was our first Junior Showmanship judge. Seven young people competed in that first competition. All of them continued to participate in the Junior Showmanship program for the following three or four years or until they aged out of the program.

We worked in 1999 and into 2000 with no funding. The individual clubs that produced Junior Showmanship rings provided the rosettes, ring and cage space. The following year Friskies contributed \$25,000 to fund the program for the 2000-2001 season. They continued to do so for the next four or five years. Participation continued to increase during those years. As you all know, Friskies then made the decision to discontinue their support.

During the years that Friskies contributed \$25,000 a year to the program, the money that remained in the Junior Showmanship fund at the end of the year was transferred to CFA's general fund and the program began again with the \$25,000 Friskies' contribution for the next year. The point that I am trying to make is that no money was ever budgeted by CFA for the Junior Showmanship program. In fact, CFA's general fund was supplemented by money that had been contributed by Friskies to the Junior Showmanship program. At the end of the last year that Friskies contributed to the program, Kitty Angell and I asked that the remaining funds be left in the Junior Showmanship account so we could continue to operate the program for the foreseeable future. That money has been used to fund the program for the last two years and will do so for the 2007-08 season. Of course, we will not be able to expand the program the way the committee has visualized.

We have CFA clubs, judges and individuals who continue to support the program and I thank them. But unless CFA as an organization decides to financially support this program on a continuing basis whether or not we have outside cooperate sponsorship the program will always be in peril.

Last year we asked CFA to support the program with a \$10,000 budget to expand the program but as you know the budget committee denied our request. I am asking the board to reconsider that request. CFA needs this program! It may be CFA's lifeline to the future.

Now for the good news, the Junior Showmanship program continues to grow in our overseas clubs. CFA clubs have sponsored Junior Showmanship at shows in Europe, Japan, China and Singapore. I have included with this report pictures from some of these competitions. Again, the Junior Showmanship Committee thanks all the clubs, judges and individuals who have made the expansion of this program around the world possible.



Here in the US the program is still active in some of our regions. We have clubs who have consistently produced Junior Showmanship rings at their shows. These clubs do this at their own

expense. But, without the funds to support and expand the program, I'm afraid we will continue to just limp along. Again, I urge you to reconsider the funding for this program.

*Respectfully submitted,
Emily Marshall Turner
Chair, CFA Junior Showmanship Program*

Angell: This is a program that is so important to our organization. We have got to have volunteers in order for this program to go forward. **DelaBar:** Are we still paying judges \$25? **Angell:** Yes. **Anger** moved to discontinue the practice of paying judges \$25 to officiate at a Junior Showmanship ring, and use whatever money that we have for the actual program, effective as of January 1, 2007. **Wilson:** Whether or not they are being paid \$25 isn't going to make any difference **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

(20) **CFA FOUNDATION REPORT.**

Liaison Stan Barnaby presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *David Mare*
List of Committee Members: *Rachel Anger, Jane Barletta, Hilary Helmrich, Karen Lawrence, Phil Lindsley, Jan Rogers, Lorraine Shelton, Don Williams*

Brief Summary of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Consideration has been given to the possibility of collecting pertinent archaic records and photos showing the development of all recognized breeds. I plan to contact each Breed Council Secretary to solicit their help in gathering these items. It might be possible to show some of these items with the respective BC booths at future CFA International Shows.

I have spoken with Virginia Deal, former Burmese Breeder, who has many old pedigrees and photos of early Burmese cats which she is interested in donating to the Foundation. Virginia's breeding days date to the 60's and 70's. She has sent these to Rose Wheeler. I will meet with Rose Wheeler to ascertain their value to the Foundation.

Communication with Daphne Negus and Dennis Ganoë suggest there may be some significant archaic records concerning the history of the Korat breed which could be donated to the Foundation.

Like so many of these things, much of it is stored in boxes in people's garages and getting people to go through these boxes has been a challenging task. I am hopeful that after the Holiday Season has ended we will have more cooperation in getting people to sort through these possible archives.

Current Happenings of Committee

On Thursday evening prior to the CFA International Show, the Foundation hosted visiting guests Rarteo Lo and Phebe Young, from Hong Kong Cat Lovers' Association, for dinner. Also in attendance were Darrell Newkirk, Chair – CFA International Committee, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Zenda and myself.

*Respectfully submitted:
David L. Mare, Chair*

(21) **SHOW SCHEDULE COORDINATION.**

Show Schedule Coordination Liaison Debbie Kusy presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Gina Lehman
Liaison to Board: Debbie Kusy
List of Committee Members: All Regional Directors and their schedulers

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The committee has been sharing show scheduling information as new shows are added to the regional calendars and existing shows are changed to different weekends. By having the open communication via our email list, regional directors and schedulers are able to help their clubs schedule shows on weekends where they have the best chance for success in drawing entries. We worked with Gwen Foster at Central Office on 43 different show changes (date, location or licensing club) since the last board meeting.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Coordinating regional show schedules with regional directors and schedulers.

Future Projections for Committee:

Continue to share information and work together to resolve show date/location issues as they arise.

Action Items:

N/A

Time Frame:

N/A

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

Nothing planned at this time.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gina Lehman, Chair*

(22) **ETHICS COMMITTEE AND MARKETING RESEARCH COMMITTEE.**

Ethics Committee Chair Peg Johnson gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Peg Johnson
Liaison to Board: N/A
List of Committee Members: Rachel Anger, Willa Hawke

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities

1. Continued to gathered input on Exhibitor Code of Ethics.
2. Read Ethics 4 Everyone by Eric Harvey & Scot Airitam
3. Completed initial draft of Employee Code of Ethics.

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. Judges Code of Ethics is attached since February re-licensing is judge's reaffirmation of compliance.
2. Employee Code of Ethics draft submitted for Board Review.

Future Projections for Committee:

CFA Breeder and Board of Director Code of Ethics

1. Publish code on CFA website

CFA Judges Code of Ethics

1. Judges affirmation of code – Prior to February Re-licensing
2. Publish code on CFA website

CFA Employee Code of Ethics

1. Distribute draft to Board for Review - February 2007
2. Update and finalize - June 2007

CFA Exhibitor and Club Code of Ethics

1. Establish committee for writing code of ethics – March 2007
2. Provide CFA Board with Initial Drafts – May 2007
3. Approve and Publish Codes – By June 2007

Action Items:

1. None

Time Frame:

NA

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

1. *Final Employee Code of Ethics*
2. *Exhibitor Code of Ethics*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Johnson*

Cat Fanciers' Association Judges' Code of Ethics

Preamble

The Cat Fancier's Association is a not-for-profit association created to register pedigreed cats, sanction CFA's clubs, shows and events, protect the hobby of showing, and enhance the well being of all cats. CFA Judges officiate at CFA shows to evaluate cats against CFA standards or policies. CFA Judges are Ambassadors for CFA to the cat fancy and public. A CFA judge must embody and project unwavering integrity, dedication and ethical behavior to protect the reputation of fair, honest and educated judging. All CFA Judges affirm their endorsement of this code and acknowledge their commitment to uphold its principles and obligations by accepting and maintaining their license in the CFA Judging Program.

Judges Code of Conduct

CFA Judges shall at all times abide by and conform to the following code of conduct in their capacity as judges:

1. *Abide in all respects to the rules and regulations including but not limited to CFA's Constitution, Bylaws, Show Rules, and Judging Program Rules.*
2. *Conduct themselves in and out of the ring with honesty, integrity, due diligence, and competence.*
3. *Carry out all obligations to the best of their ability including, but not limited to, their responsibilities to the clubs who employ their services, exhibitors who entrust their cats into their hands, breeders who look to them for advice, and to the cats themselves.*
4. *Base all judging decisions firmly on condition and the standards for each breed. Evaluate the exhibits strictly, fairly and impartially, in accordance with the accepted standard for each breed.*
5. *Participate in continuing education, and keep current on the standards and rules.*
6. *Communicate with the public, exhibitors, breeders, fellow judges, and club members in a responsible, respectful, and professional manner.*
7. *Not engage in or facilitate any discriminatory or harassing behavior toward CFA staff, CFA board members or officers, club members, exhibitors, breeders, or others in the context of activities relating to CFA.*
8. *Act at all times in the best interests of CFA and not for personal or third-party gain or financial enrichment. Avoid placing, or the appearance of placing, one's own self interest or any third-party interest above that of CFA.*
9. *Judges will not use their position as judges for personal, political, or financial gain.*

10. *Not solicit or accept gifts, gratuities, personal property, or any other item of value from any person as a direct or indirect inducement to provide special treatment to the donor in matters relating to CFA. Never accept any gifts that seem inappropriate.*
11. *Never solicit judging assignments.*
12. *Not criticize by act or word the work of other CFA judges. Not offer criticism of any previously judged cat(s) to anyone including other officiating judges during the course of a show.*
13. *Advise potential exhibitors not to show their cats in their ring when doing so might give the impression of unfair advantage including but not limited to members of their household, their employer, their employees or their relatives.*
14. *Respect and work together with the CFA Judging Program Committee, the CFA Board of Directors, fellow judges, and stewards, and especially the clubs who hire them in a spirit of cooperation and harmony.*
15. *Provide proper care for their cats and maintain them in an exemplary manner beyond CFA's Minimum Cattery Standards.*
16. *Use common sense to avoid situations which might raise ethical questions.*
17. *Honor and respect the CAT.*

Cat Fanciers' Association Employee Code of Ethics

The Cat Fanciers' Association is a not-for-profit association formed to register pedigreed cats, sanction CFA clubs, shows, and events, protect the hobby of breeding and showing, and enhance the well-being of all cats. CFA's principle membership consists of CFA cat clubs. This code serves as the code of conduct for all CFA employees. Employees affirm their endorsement and acknowledge their commitment to uphold its principles and obligations at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Mission

CFA's mission is to preserve and promote the pedigreed breeds of cats and to enhance the well-being of all cats.

Employee Code of Ethics

CFA Employees shall at all times abide by and conform to the following code of conduct:

1. *Abide in all respects by the rules and regulations of the association including but not limited to CFA's articles of incorporation, constitution, bylaws, and show rules.*
2. *Conduct the business affairs of CFA in good faith and with honesty, integrity, due diligence, and reasonable competence.*
3. *Communicate with the public, customers, exhibitors, breeders, judges, and club members in a responsible, respectful, and professional manner.*
4. *Strive to assure complete satisfaction of all customers.*
5. *Perform assigned duties in a professional and timely manner.*
6. *Provide full and accurate information for use in internal and external reports. Keep records that are verifiably accurate.*

7. Uphold the confidentiality of all closed meetings and other confidential communications and not disclose any confidential information related to CFA affairs
8. Act at all times in the best interest of CFA. Avoid placing one's own self interest or any third party interest above that of CFA.
9. Not use company assets for personal purposes.
10. Not engage in any outside business, professional or other activities that would directly or indirectly materially adversely affect CFA.
11. Not engage in or facilitate any discriminatory or harassing behavior towards others in the context of activities relating to CFA.
12. Not solicit or accept gifts, gratuities, or any other item of value from any person or entity as a direct or indirect inducement to provide special treatment to such donor with respect to matters pertaining to CFA without fully disclosing such items to the board of directors.
13. Comply with laws, rules and regulations and actively promote awareness, understanding of and compliance with all applicable laws.
14. Recognize and report any concern about possible illegal or unethical behavior. Reports made in good faith will be acted upon responsibly and without retaliation.
15. Provide proper care for their cats and maintain them in an exemplary manner beyond CFA's minimum Cattery standard.

Marketing Statistics Committee Chair Peg Johnson gave the following report:

Committee Chair: Peg Johnson
Liaison to Board: N/A
List of Committee Members: Jay Lehman, Valerie Hull

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities

1. Obtained club secretary list for mapping CFA clubs.
2. Continued to investigate mapping software.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Committee is reviewing list of statistics to help provide accurate and meaningful data to the CFA Board for decision making, goal setting, and progress measurement.

The committee is also working on locating breed registrations from other associations to analyze how CFA is doing comparing to competition.

Future Activities for Committee:

Plot CFA Club and Show locations on maps to help analyze CFA footprint.

Build CFA club member data base.

Define strategy for collecting additional data from shows to help understand CFA customer behavior. Information could include exhibitors, show entry, and show reports. This would help us understand where people show, how often, how many cats they show, etc.

Action Items:

1. *Central Office to send out 2007 Club lists to regional directors.*
2. *Central Office to send 2006 Breed Statistics to Peg Johnson.*

Time Frame:

April 1

What Will be Presented at the Next Meeting:

1. *Updated registration statistics to include 2006.*
2. *Map of US Club and Show Locations*
3. *Update on progress on building club member data base*
4. *Strategy for additional statistical reporting.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Johnson
Marketing Statistics Committee Chair*

Johnson: I spoke with the regional directors about establishing a data base of club members. We want statistics to compile a data base of club memberships. **Tartaglia:** It's a rather large job for Central Office, with over 900 files. **Johnson:** I'll withdraw the action item. We will try to collect the information in a different way.

(23) **FELINE AGILITY.**

Agility Committee Liaison Kay Janosik presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Carol Osborne
Liaison to Board: Kay Janosik
Committee Members: Bonnie Smith, Coordinator for Certified Ringmasters,
Training and Scoring
Jay Collins, Agility Equipment Coordinator
Kim Everett-Hirsch, Publicity, Public Relations and
Awards Coordinator
Linda Shaffer, Junior Handler Program
Wanda Martin, Webmaster, Photography and Video
Coordinator
9 Regional Representatives
5 Scorers

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

Since its inception, Agility has developed into a very popular activity. From an inspiration from a few people, it has come to fruition and was accepted as part of the CFA show format in June, 2006.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The Committee has written and submitted written rules to go into the Show Rules (see attached Article 38). These will be condensed and added to the next publication of the Show Rules.

Central Office is now including in the package with show license, a page about how to have Agility with the show. This has helped the clubs with their questions immensely.

We continue to train new Certified Ring Masters (“CRM”) and try to encourage clubs to use personnel close to them.

Our shows with Agility have been very well received on the whole. National Capital, the CFA-IAMS Cat Championship Show in New York City and the CFA International Show were great examples of the enthusiasm for Agility. OCI is a special show with high dollar prizes both last year and this and will be well attended. The competition is heating up!

We now have score keepers who are tracking the cats in each region and have points leaders regionally and nationally.

One of our proudest accomplishments is the beginning of the Junior Handler program.

- Jr. Handler Trainee (7-10 years old). The goal for this level is to provide an exciting way for our youngest members to participate. They will learn to run the cats, help with timing and learn the rules.

- *Jr. Handler (12-17 years old). The goal for this level is to provide a way for teens to participate. These juniors will assist those who are physically unable to run their cats. They also will be knowledgeable enough to help with training of the cats, timing, scoring; thus enabling them to take the next step at 18 to being a CRM.*

Linda Shaffer has done a wonderful job designing this program and will continue to work on it.

Jay Collins has issued the specs for the standard and beginner courses and they seem to be working well. The vendors are moving along to standardize their equipment, but no one should ask them to extend themselves beyond their financial limits too quickly.

Some clubs have bought or built their own equipment. Oregon Cats has recently built a new set with the help of Russ Reimer and Carmen Martino. This will cut down on the costs of setting and will, in time, pay for itself.

The ring size has been a point of discussion. The largest ring is 32x32 feet. Most show halls can't accommodate this, so we have allowed for many configurations as you can see in the show rules. MSG could only have a small ring because of the space. It worked very well. Every club should evaluate its space and the vendor should set the equipment and the CRM will arrange the obstacles to fit the space.

One of our biggest concerns is the financial side of Agility. Clubs who have been able to find sponsorship and advertising partners have found that the cost is negligible; however, others have found that the cost is prohibitive. We need to find answers to these problems and are working on it.

Future Projections For The Committee:

The FAC committee has been working on levels of competition and titles for each level. We have some very creative minds and will be presenting our suggestions soon.

We hope to have financial help (sponsors?) so that more clubs can afford Agility.

We need another equipment vendor for Northern CA and are working on that.

As soon as the finances will allow, we would like to establish a pay scale for CRM: something along the lines of the clerk/master clerk pay. At present the arrangement is between the club and the CRM. According to our rules, the only thing that the club has to do is supply lunch at the show for the CRM. Some clubs elect to do more; some less.

Our biggest project is education: of the clubs, of the handlers, of the public, and anyone else who will listen, as to what Agility is and what it has to offer.

Action Items:

- *We ask that Article 38 be adopted to be included in the Show Rules.*

- We again ask that the CFA website link to the Agility website:
www.cfafelineagility.741.com
- We ask for permission to present at the Annual in June a rosette to the top Agility Cat in the nation (rosette to be donated anonymously).

Time Frame:

As soon as possible.

What Will Be Presented At The Next Meeting:

- A progress report.
- An advanced ring.
- Points and titles for the cats.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Osborne, Chair

ARTICLE 38
FELINE AGILITY COMPETITION

- 1.01 *PURPOSE.* The purpose of Feline Agility shall be to enhance the cat shows by giving a place for the cats to show their athletic ability. They will be judged on speed and accuracy in running the course.
- 1.02 *CLUB RESPONSIBILITY*
- a. When licensing a show, information that Agility will be included should be given.
 - b. Feline Agility Competition (FAC) Regional Representative should be notified so that the listing can be included on the Agility website.
www.cfafelineagility.741.com.
 - c. Determine the placement and size of the enclosure for the show hall. The enclosure must be placed away from the judging area. A corner of the hall is best, if possible.
 - d. Locate a vendor and contract for services to set the equipment (see website for listing).
 - e. Select a CRM (Certified Ring Master) from listing on website, and contract with him/her. It is usual to provide lodging, travel and lunch for the CRM.
 - f. A steward for the Agility Ring shall be provided.
 - g. A table and paper towels and disinfectant shall be provided.
 - h. Chairs should be provided for spectators to use while watching the cats run.
 - i. If possible, a microphone shall be provided for the Agility Area.
 - j. A club representative shall complete the CRM Evaluation sheet and send it to the designated person.
- 1.03 *SPECIFICATIONS OF ENCLOSURE*

- a. *Enclosure: The size of the enclosure should be from 20'x20' up to 32' x 32' or any variation of these that would total the range of square footage from 400 to 1024 sq. ft. Smaller courses may be used for special circumstances; in this case one obstacle (a tunnel) shall be removed.*
- b. *The enclosure consists of panels of fence that should be at least 5 to 6 ft. high and should have a slanted top (slanted inward). It is preferred that the poles be made of metal (steel or aluminum) with a black netting mesh that is strong enough to keep the cats in and still be easy to look through.*
- c. *Portable flooring must be used in the ring regardless of the existing floor's composition.*
- d. *The door is in one of the panels and should be placed at the most convenient place for access to the ring. The latch should open from inside and outside the enclosure.*

1.04 OBSTACLES

- a. *Standard course:
10 obstacles consisting of:
1 set of stairs 3 steps up and 3 down with a non-slip surface. Minimum total height is 24".
2 tunnels, (4-8 feet long each)
4 hurdles: 1 bar, 4", 2 bar, 8"; 3 bar, 10", 4 bar 12" from floor to top of bar.
Weave poles. 3 or 4 poles 18" apart.
2 hoops 12" from floor to bottom of the hoop and approximately 18" in diameter.*
- b. *Beginner course:
The same as above; removing the 3 and 4 bar hurdles.*
- c. *Advanced course: Under construction*
- d. *The FAC Committee Coordinator in charge of obstacles shall be responsible for approving new obstacles and informing the Chair of the Committee. The Chair of the FAC Committee shall present the new obstacles to the whole committee for a vote for approval.*

1.05 CERTIFIED RINGMASTER

- a. *The Certified Ringmaster is one who has trained with a CRM and has passed the test provided by the Coordinator of Ringmasters, Training programs and Scoring procedures.*
- b. *The Certified Ringmaster runs the ring and times the cats.*
- c. *The CRM is responsible for arranging the obstacles and making sure they are 3' apart.*
- d. *The CRM working the show shall have an agent showing their cat if they wish to enter the judging competition. If two CRM are working the Agility Ring, then one of them may have an entry in the show.*
- e. *The CRM working the show may run their cat for exhibition or scores in Agility (for Regional/National awards), but may not compete for show prizes. A CRM may not time his own cat. He must use an Assistant CRM or another CRM.*
- f. *No food or treats are permitted in the Agility ring at any time.*
- g. *During a timed run, the handler must not touch the cat with his/her hands. It is permissible for the toy to touch the cat.*

- h. *The CRM must send the completed Ringmasters Report, and the Sign-In and Scoring Forms to the Coordinator for Ringmasters, Training Programs and scoring Procedures.*
- i. *The CRM must give the Club an Evaluation Sheet for them to complete and send to the designated person.*
- j. *Each CRM will be tested every year to maintain certification. The test will be administered by the Coordinator for Ringmasters and Training.*

1.06 ENTRY

- a. *Entry fees will be determined by the club.*
- b. *Cats may be pre-entered with the show entry clerk using the CFA Feline Agility Competition Form.*
- c. *Cats may also be entered during the show by coming to the ring and entering. The handler (owner) must sign the sign-in sheet and entry form.*
- d. *All entries must be benched. The Agility cat may accompany a cat entered in the regular judging and thus be considered as benched.*
- e. *Cats will be entered using the owner's last name and the cat's call name or the registered name of the cat. The same name must be used each time the cat enters in the Agility competition.*
- f. *Entries may include pedigreed cats, house pets, and shelter cats. Cats with deformities, abnormalities or declawed cats are welcome.*
- g. *Cats with wild ancestry are not eligible for any CFA competition.*

1.07 TOYS:

- a. *Laser lights are allowed, but only in the Agility enclosure.*
- b. *Cat toys with a handle are recommended*
- c. *Treats or food are not allowed in the ring.*

1.08 HANDLERS

- a. *A handler is a person who takes the cat through the Agility course. It may be a designated handler or the cat's owner.*
- b. *Flat heeled shoes are required.*
- c. *It is the responsibility of the handler to be sure that he and the cat are physically able to run the course.*
- d. *A display of bad sportsmanship by the handler, including obvious temper or abuse of the cat, is subject to dismissal from the ring. The decision is to be made by the CRM.*
- e. *Continued bad sportsmanship by the handler will result in dismissal from the Agility Competition at that show by the CRM.*

1.09 SCORING

- a. *Time will be based on 60 seconds per minute and the number of seconds two places to the right of the decimal.*
- b. *The time is started when the cat's paw touches the first obstacle and ends at the paws' touching the floor after the last obstacle.*
- c. *The cat will receive 15 points for each obstacle completed while running counter clock-wise. Bonus points will be added for cats with clean runs (completing all obstacles on the course in order) within the maximum time of 270 seconds (4 min. 30 sec)*

- d. *The bonus will be figured by subtracting the cats' actual time from the maximum time allowed.*
- e. *The total score will be the best of three runs for any one show. In the event of a tie, the cats involved will be given a run-off to determine the winner.*

1.10 **THE COMMITTEE**

*The committee consists of: The Chair
 Coordinator for Ringmasters,
 Trainees and Scoring
 Equipment coordinator
 FAC Regional Representatives
 Publicity, PR and Awards
 Webmaster
 Jr. Handler coordinator
 Scorers*

Eigenhauser: The proposal is generally good, but it is clumsy and poorly worded in places. I don't see why the committee members are listed in the show rules. I would rather see this come up in October or at the annual as a show rule modification. **DelaBar:** It will be brought up in October with show rules, as well as the report on scoring and agility course design.

Agility Course Design Liaison Kay Janosik presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Wayne Mull*
Liaison to Board: *Kay Janosik*
Committee Members: *Jill Archibald, Mary Newmarch, Dave Peet, Sue Riley, Charlene Smith*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

There are nine different enclosures and sets of obstacles. There is an immediate need for unification. The efforts of this committee have been to move toward course standardization therefore providing a fair basis for national scoring.

Current Courses: Baby Cat, Standard, Phase II, Phase III. The Standard is currently being utilized.

Current Happenings of Committee:

Construct the Baby course. Communicate specifications to agility set up providers so that all providers can easily make this course.

Action Items:

Ratify the following changes to standardize the course for National Scoring:

- 1) *All enclosures must have a safety top as a standard. Rationale: If a cat should leave the enclosure, this event could have a negative impact on the owner of the equipment, the club sponsoring the agility ring and CFA. It is what is expected by our participants.*
- 2) *All enclosures must have flooring, the safer the better. Recommend anti-fatigue interlocking mats. A majority of agility equipment providers currently have these. Rationale: Better traction for the participant, possible prevention of a fall. It is what is expected by our participants.*
- 3a) *Obstacles must be constructed so that all cats perform at the same level. Some FAC equipment providers have obstacles that do not allow the cat to go “through” the obstacle. Rationale: all cats should compete at the same level of difficulty. Obstacles that allow cats to go through holes are more difficult because the cat sees an alternative route. Cats are smart. They will take the easiest route. There are easy and inexpensive solutions to have all obstacles conform to the same specifications.*
- 3b) *Steps need to be closed on all sides so that the cats have no access to underneath. Rationale: Again, most steps have no access and the ones that are closed are easier than the open ones.*
- 3c) *Hurdles were originally designed to be in pairs as one obstacle. Rationale: A single 3 inch hurdle is not an obstacle, it is a step over. A pair of hurdles at reasonable heights make a proper challenging obstacle.*
- 4) *All carpeting and silk flowers need to be eliminated from the agility ring. Rationale: These materials cannot be properly cleaned.*

One final consideration:

With so many different sets of obstacles one may see unification as an impossible task. We would ask the board consider this possible solution:

Each course would have its own rating, like that of golf courses. That would require that each and every obstacle have its own score (points) for its level of difficulty. Presently the score for a 3 inch high hurdle is the same as that of a 5 inch high hurdle. The score for a set of 3 weave poles is the same as that of a set of 4 weave poles. Is this fair? The list of FAC participants is growing. These are the people who should assist in assigning points per obstacle. This solution could unify the FAC courses and help to standardize scoring.

Time Frame:

Now, or by the next board meeting at the latest.

What will be presented at the next meeting:

The results of Baby Cat Course development. If Action Items are put into effect - their progress will be reported.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne Mull
Cat Agility Course Design Chair*

(24) **CFA MENTOR PROGRAM.**

Mentor Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: *Mary J. Sietsema*
Liaison to Board: *Liz Watson*
List of Committee Members: *Willa Hawke, Marva Marrow, Karen Helmold*
Advisor/Mentor to Committee: *Pat Jacobberger*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:

The CFA Mentor Program held its annual Planning Retreat on September 29 through October 1, 2006 in Ontario, CA. Present at the meeting were myself, Willa Hawke, Marva Marrow, Karen Helmold, Pat Jacobberger, and the CFA Ambassador Team Leader, Jodell Raymond.

- *One goal of the committee was to plan and finalize the report for the June 2007-June 2010 funding request to be presented to the Hartz Mountain Corporation. The final report was written by Pat Jacobberger and we presented it to Hartz in November 2006.*
- *Marva Marrow, editor for the Mentor Program, discussed plans for reviewing and updating the CFA Mentor Program Manual. The Manual is directed to those participating in the CFA Mentor Program and is intended to be used by Mentors and Protégés.*
- *Revisions were made to the “Do You Love Cats?” brochure and a new printing was done in time for the November 2006 International Show.*
- *Pat Jacobberger recommended and the committee agreed that I would continue in the position of Mentor/Protégé Coordinator for one year.*
- *Karen Helmold will be in charge of planning the Mentor Program Dinner/Workshop for the June 2007 Annual.*
- *Discussions were made for future plans to create education materials such as video media for grooming, brochures for protégés, signage at cat shows, and grooming clinics to be held in conjunction with the 2007 Annual and larger shows in the upcoming year.*

The Mentor Program, along with the Ambassador Program, had a booth at the CFA International Show held in November 2006. The booth was well received by the public and staffed by myself, Willa Hawke, and several mentors, protégés, and ambassadors. The Hartz Mountain Corporation donated over 1,000 cat toys that were handed out to spectators along with the colorful “Kitty Search” game. Tours were conducted throughout the weekend by the Ambassador Program and we were also pleased to have Rarteo Lo and Phebe Low of Hong Kong present and helping at the booth.

Current Happenings of Committee:

The CFA Mentor Program continues to grow and thrive! Since October 2006 we have had 44 new protégés apply to the program! We continue to pair mentors and protégés with good success and as always, we need more mentors.

Future Projections for Committee:

The CFA Mentor Program will continue our expansion efforts in the International Division with plans for a more established presence in Japan.

While we await word from Hartz Mountain on future funding we will continue to work on the CFA Mentor Manual, new education materials, and ideas to bring more people into CFA.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mary J. Sietsema, Chair
CFA Mentor Program*

Ambassador Program Liaison Liz Watson presented the following report:

Committee Chair: Willa Hawke
Liaison to Board: Liz Watson
Team Leader: Jodell Raymond

Greetings CFA Board Members:

Overview: The CFA Ambassador Program is continuing its pattern of successful initiatives heading into 2007. To date, we have signed up over 125 new Ambassadors, with 55% of our new Ambassadors coming from Hong Kong and the International Division. Enthusiasm for this program is evident with far-reaching effects.

Mentoring Committee Meeting: At the end of September Jodell Raymond and I met, along with the core members of the Mentoring Committee, to report the status of the Ambassador program and to assist with planning and program development.

Regional Coordinators: We currently have a sound and nearly complete team of Regional Coordinators in place to spearhead our efforts. We are planning on a conference call with all of our regional coordinators in early 2007.

*Region 1 Geri Fellerman Dfyre@aol.com (NJ area)
Region 2 Lee Genet leegenet@earthlink.net (Bay Area)
Region 2 Mark Rowe mkrowe@peak.org (Upper NW)
Region 3 Amy Haden Castamore amyhaden@yahoo.com
Region 4 Mariane Toth mmmbuster@aol.com (Cleveland, OH)
Region 5 Mary Sietsema telecoon@san.rr.com (San Diego, CA)
Region 6 Alene Shafnisky sinend_ta@yahoo.com (Chicago, IL)
Region 7 Position Open DC, Virginia, MD areas

Region 7 Jay Lehman jtlehman@gmail.com (Alabama, Tenn., and Georgia)
Region 7 Karen Helmold Khelmold@adelphia.net (Delray Beach, Florida)
Region 8 bamtaro@mtj.biglobe.ne.jp (Japan--Mr. Hirsh Shinmoto)
International Division Europe: Alenka Unk, alenka.unk1@amis.net (Slovenia)
International Division Asia: Ms. Phebe Low, phebelow@yahoo.com.hk (Hong Kong)

**Linda Petersen, Region 7 (DC Area) has resigned and we are still searching for a permanent replacement for her. We really need your assistance and suggestions in trying to find a replacement. All recommendations are welcome. We have also added Alenka Unk to spearhead the International Division Efforts in Europe and Phebe Low to lead the Ambassadors in Hong Kong.*

Japan's activity is expected to continue to increase under the leadership of Yayoi Satoh and Mr. Hirosho Shinmoto. Japan is very important to the ultimate success of this program. As you all know, our corporate sponsor, Hartz, is now a Japanese-owned company. Hartz has been so helpful to us and we are hoping that they will continue to support our efforts. We were very pleased that as a little something extra this year they again furnished toys for both Garden State and the International Show. These delightful toys made great prizes for participants in our "Kitty Search" games and elsewhere. Everyone loved them – exhibitors as well as spectators.

Mission Statement: We have adopted the following mission statement: "The CFA Ambassador Program was developed to create an informed cadre of individuals throughout CFA who are committed to educating and reaching out to spectators at cat shows in the hopes of attracting new and active members of CFA who will become engaged participants in whatever facet of the fancy that they enjoy." We have begun using the mission statement in all of our correspondence.

Almanac Article: Jodell Raymond, our multi-talented Ambassador Team Leader, has written an article which is scheduled to be published in the February-March 2007 issue.

Position Descriptions: Both the Regional Coordinator and Team Leader Position Descriptions are finalized. If you are interested in seeing the descriptions, please let us know. We are currently working on an Ambassador Position Description.

Domestic Show Activity: There has been continued excellent participation and efforts for the U.S. regions. Of particular note was Region 7 activity with National Capitol. Jay Lehman reported that, "With the approximately 4000 visitors to this show (this number was given to me from show management) that boils down to a 500 to 1 ratio of Ambassadors to gate."

CFA International Show: The CFA International Show was again a resounding success for the Ambassadors. I am hesitant to name all of the folks that participated and helped man the booth as well as those that gave guided tours because I know I will omit someone. However, I will mention Mary Sietsema, Lee Genet, Patty Jacobberger, Susan Cook-Henry, Rarteo Lo and Phebe Low.

International Division: As we mentioned in our previous report, Jodell and I have focused our efforts in Asia on the Hong Kong group. Phebe Lowe and Rarteo Lo are our point people for this

area. Mary Sietsema and I met with Phebe and Rarteo at the International Show. We were joined by Bob and Pat Zenda, and worked on plans for additional materials for the Asia kickoff.

I am pleased to say that all the collateral materials such as cage toppers, brochures, handbook, and handouts have been translated into Chinese. Phebe told us in November that the earliest upcoming show in Hong Kong was scheduled for December and I am including her report from that show (see below). Obviously, Phebe along with Rarteo's help has done an excellent job with launching the program in Hong Kong. She has also created a new email address designated for the Asia AP program communications: cfaambassador_idasia@yahoo.com.hk.

Phebe's Report from Hong Kong AP Kickoff

Here we are! Can't wait to report the responses to you all!!

First of all, we want to congratulate the success of Hong Kong Cat Fanciers' Club in yesterday's Great show and thank you for their assistances in the AP launching that made it running so smooth! The show hall was crowded of spectators, great number of gate to be confirmed by the club.

Phyllis, Rarteo and I got there and conducted a short briefing to the 16 ambassadors before the show opened to public (12 noon to 8 pm). Some of the ambassadors were not able to receive the AP package in advance as their enrollment was just done a few days before or even not available to do that. However, all of them are experienced exhibitors/breeders. Our backup handbooks, badges, cage toppers that we taken from the International Show were not enough for all of them but able to use either badge or cage topper as signage. Chinese Spectator guide were ready and distributed to spectators. Roll up banners of AP posters and the explanation on Ribbons/Rosettes were put up at both the show entrance and show hall. They were eye-catching, people reading and even took pictures on them. The club was so considerate that the AP counter was located right next to the show entrance which attracting people's first sight, coming up to the counter and ask questions.

AP tour were trial run for 3 rounds (2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, 5 pm) which took about 45 minutes each, responses were excellent. Phyllis, Rarteo and I took turns to be the guide. We followed what was being done at the International Show. Firstly, briefing on history, structure of CFA, show setting, general rules of visiting a cat show and then brought them to different breeders who were so generous to bring their cats out from the cages and introduced the specific breeds to the 'tourists' and let them touch the cats. People were so enjoyed and excited to touch the cats and ask many questions. After that, we explained the show mechanics and meaning of each ribbon. They looked satisfied when finished the tour and we gained great thanks from these folks. Though they may not able to understand everything at a time but I think its good to raise their interests/curiosities for further exploration on cat fancy.

Our next tasks are:

- *fine tune the arrangement on spectator tour when in such crowded show as there were many people eager to join and gathered a large crowd during the tour.*

- *Consider bigger signage on individual ambassadors so that people can easily identify our ambassadors in the show.*
- *complete the translation on Chinese AP handbook*
- *promote AP to other clubs around ID Asia*

We expect more and more exhibitors/breeders joining the AP and believe this first run definitely was a good experience for the forthcoming.

I have distributed the feedback forms to the ambassadors and will send to Jodell after collection.

Rarteo will send out the regarding pictures for share after processing.

Wishing you all have a HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOOD HEALTH!!

*Warmest Regards,
Phebe*

In closing may I once again leave you with this thought: “Ambassadors are the face of CFA and the embodiment of all that is good and noble of our great fancy. More than sources of information about CFA and the cat fancy, Ambassadors are role models whose actions, attitudes, and kindnesses are to be emulated and praised. Whether in the show hall, at a disaster site, in nursing homes, before legislative forums, or in our schools, the impressions left by Ambassadors are pivotal images that assist people in deciding whether the cat fancy is something that they, too, would enjoy and support.”

We look forward to the continued success of this program as we strive to spotlight – through this worthwhile effort – all of the positive things that CFA has to offer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Willa K. Hawke, Chair &
Jodell Raymond, Team Leader
CFA Ambassador Program*

(25) **ANNUAL MEETING – 2007.**

Gulf Shore Regional Director James Watson presented an update on the 2007 Annual. **J. Watson:** A schedule of sponsorship levels is on the Gulf Shore website. Please go to the website and read it over. We have the menu set with beef, chicken, fish, or veggie all being the same price. Everything else is on track, so we're looking forward to a good annual this year in Austin, Texas.

(26) **NEW INITIATIVES.**

CFA CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING FACT FINDING COMMITTEE.

Central Office Building Fact Finding Committee Chair Loretta Baugh presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no.

Committee Chair: Loretta Baugh
List of Committee Members: Kathy Calhoun, Allene Tartaglia, Liz Watson

The building committee, newly formed at the October 2006 Board meeting, was charged with investigating the value of the CFA Office building and the benefits of possibly selling the facility and renting/leasing space to house our office.

October and November were a very busy time for the Central Office Director, Allene Tartaglia. Due to the Madison Square Garden show and the International show, not much progress could be made during that time.

No one on the committee has any expertise in real estate and we knew we would need outside help to obtain the information needed. Kathy Calhoun and I were both present at a show in Buffalo, New York the end of November. Kathy was staying with Chuck Gradowski. Kathy and I talked and saw no problem discussing our needs/duties with Chuck, since he is a member of the finance/budget committee.

Chuck's immediate response was that we needed to contact a broker and he volunteered to contact the group he worked with during his move from Illinois to New York.

Chuck contacted Rick Heilmann of the Garibaldi Group, based in Chatham, New Jersey. Mr. Heilmann met with Allene a few weeks ago, toured the facility and has compiled a report addressing the possible value of the property and potential rental costs for that area. (See Attachment)

Now that we have this initial information, we need to determine our next course(s) of action.

While it is not an idea we would undertake lightly, do we need to consider moving all or part of our operation out of New Jersey? The \$18.00-\$21.00/sq ft rental/lease costs for New Jersey, as listed in Mr. Heilmann's report, are considerably higher than rates in some other markets. What are critical components to location? Should we elect to move all or part of our operation? Do we need to be close to a big city, near an airline hub, or out in the boondocks? What kind of personnel can we hire to run the Central Office should we decide to move part or all of the operation? If we move some or all of our business elsewhere the personnel committee would need to determine staffing needs for any/all locations.

How much of our business can/should we outsource? There are corporations whose sole business is to run non-profit companies. Should we look into that? Outsourcing our IT alone would have a significant impact.

Once we determine the direction we wish to pursue, we can compile a list of critical components. That information would be disseminated by a broker, to numerous markets both in and out of New Jersey, with cost analysis, to help us determine our best options.

During a recent trip back from a show Pam made contact with Steven Forte of Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Brokerage Company, based in Philadelphia. His e-mails, indicating his desire to work with us are attached.

If we decide to proceed with further investigation, we will need to determine which broker we will use.

If the Board wishes the committee to continue to investigate our options and work toward whatever goal the Board determines to pursue, I would like permission to add Chuck Gradowski as a member of this committee. His help and advice have been invaluable.

The Committee is dedicated to gathering the information necessary to aid the CFA Board in determining the best course of action needed to keep our Association viable, progressive and in touch with the needs of our customers.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Determine our next course(s) of action re: facility use/sale/lease, outsourcing, etc.*
- 2. If we decide to proceed with item #1, we need to select a broker.*
- 3. Approve the addition of Chuck Gradowski as a member of this committee.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Baugh, Chair*

Baugh: There are some very good points in the fact that the building is well located and in reasonably good repair. Our guidelines in October were to determine the value of the building. We didn't want to go too far beyond what we were charged with. The committee now needs direction. **L. Watson:** I would suggest that we sell the building. However, we need to have a plan in place prior to it going on the market. **Eigenhauser:** There is no reason to think in terms of "New Jersey/not New Jersey" when, with the internet, the work could be distributed to multiple centers. We could have an operations center that handles show scoring, another center that handles registrations, another one that is a meet and greet up-front office. We could have a satellite office in New Jersey, but do our data processing in Kentucky or Tennessee or Oklahoma. All of those options should be on the table. **Miller:** AKC does the same thing. The face of AKC is in New York and the work is being done in North Carolina. It's possible for us to keep an office in New Jersey and then do other things in a much less expensive part of the country. We need to look at all options. **DelaBar:** We need an impact study on what is the most cost effective area. We can't sell before we have a new home. The other thing is, what is the impact upon personnel? **Barnaby:** Why can't we look into renting the facility until we know where we want to go? **Tartaglia:** I would suggest that we don't rent and then move. It is a tremendous effort to move. Once we make the decision, that's what we go with, rather than an interim arrangement. **DelaBar:** We're not going anywhere until we have a plan. **Johnson:** We have discussed satellite centers. Certain jobs could be done on line. If we need to have more

computing power, we might look at hosted services. We're not a big enough company to be maintaining a computer. There are so many options if we make this move. We shouldn't rule out any of them. **Tartaglia:** The process of selling the building is going to take a minimum of a year. We need to fix the roof.

Kusy leaves the meeting, due to an unavoidable airline schedule.

CFA BOARD MEETING COMMITTEE .

Board Meeting Committee Chair Peg Johnson presented the following report with a standing motion and the right to vote no.

Committee Chair: *Peg Johnson*
List of Committee Members: *Annette Wilson, Dick Kallmeyer, George Eigenhauser*

Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities

1. *George Eigenhauser drafted constitutional amendment to allow the Board to meet via conference call. Committee and Fred Jacobberger reviewed amendment. See attachment*
2. *Committee members began investigation of conference call and web conferencing options.*
 - a. *Costs vary depending upon services. Reservation-less teleconferencing allows you to set up conference calls whenever you want using a toll free (or local toll) telephone number and pass codes for the participants. For an additional cost, an operator can manage the logistics of your calls. Additional services such as call monitoring, call recording, multiple connection options, global participation, faxing, and roll call can also be purchased. The more services the higher the price.*
 - b. *Services can be priced based on a per minute per person basis. Rates are higher for toll free and operator assistance calls. Most conferencing services do not require a long term agreement. Many services seem to have a limit to the length of a call (4-5 hours). One provider www.conferencecalls.com had a rate calculator that I used to price a reservation-less toll free call for 25 US participants and 1 Japanese participant. The hourly rate was \$93.30 for conference call and \$153.88 for web conferencing. This is a low end service.*
 - c. *Services can also be based on a flat monthly rate which varies by participants and related services. Reservation-less toll free conference calls can be as little as \$100 per month for 20-100 participants depending upon provider. This is the most basic of services and is controlled by providing participants with passwords.*
 - d. *Web conferencing is a widely adopted feature available through many providers. Web conferencing allows you to deliver presentations online. This can involve showing simple Power Point presentations or documents online, navigating through a web site, or demonstrating a software program.*

3. *Additional cost saving suggestions included:*
 - a. *Start the CFA Annual Meeting on Wednesday which would save one day worth of Board expenses. Thursday meetings such as the CFA BC and International Committee meetings could be moved to Saturday.*
 - b. *Change the October Board format to a one day conference call and expand the February meeting to a three day meeting. This assumes that air fare cost savings would be exceed an additional day of expenses.*
 - c. *Change October Board Meeting to an abbreviated agenda conference call. Setup one or two hour monthly board meetings with specific agendas which could focus on current events and promoting movement through committee activities.*
4. *Conferencing Considerations*
 - a. *Most Executive Session activities would need to be held at face to face meetings.*
 - b. *Web conferencing can be technically challenging.*

Current Happenings of Committee:

1. *Obtain Board Consensus on Constitutional Amendment.*
2. *Get feedback from Board on committee findings.*

Future Projections for Committee:

1. *Submit Constitutional Amendment for consideration in June 2007.*
2. *Get price quotes from multiple conference call and web conference providers.*
3. *Investigate conference call alternatives that would provide online access to Board materials without requiring web conferencing setup.*
4. *Submit additional ideas for Board meeting expense reduction.*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Peg Johnson
Board Meeting Committee Chair*

*PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.*

(deletions in ~~strikethrough~~, additions in underscore.)

RESOLVED: That the CFA Constitution, Article VII-Executive Board, be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

*...
...*

Section 3 - Quorum

The presence of ten (10) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

RATIONALE: The typical CFA Board meeting costs approximately \$20,000.00. This includes travel, meals and hotel expenditures for 19 Board members, counsel and support staff. The need for a large enough meeting facility eliminates most budget hotels from consideration. We need to consider options that can reduce the Board meeting expenses while preserving the operation of the Board. This resolution would allow, but not require, that all or part of a Board meeting be by teleconference.

The October Board meeting includes ratification of items already discussed at the Annual Meeting in June. For the past several years few, if any, fanciers have attended the October Board meeting as spectators. The October meeting would be an appropriate candidate for teleconferencing. However, the February Board meeting includes participation by the Breed Secretaries. The February meeting may also include breed presentations with live animals. These could not be done by phone. While the June meeting may not be completely suited for teleconferencing, some items could be handled in advance of the face to face meetings at the Annual. This would reduce the length of hotel stays and costs of meals and incidentals for Board members and staff.

This change to the Constitution would allow the Board the OPTION of meeting via teleconference.

Eigenhauser: The language was basically taken from the statute, which is what New York requires. **DelaBar:** It gives us the ability to have telephonic and online meetings. **Johnson** moves to accept the resolution to go with a board-sponsored amendment. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Committee to Target Owned Cats Chair Joan Miller discussed establishing a way to expand community outreach and what the new committee hopes to accomplish.

New Business: L. Watson: Since we are a registering body of pedigreed cats, I would like to propose that all show entries in the continental United States and Japan, with the exception of the novice class and the household pets, have a registration number. **Baugh:** Part of being a show cat is having that ability to show, the pizzazz and comfort in the show ring and everything. You don't know that until you get them there. **Wilson:** Many exhibitors want to bring kittens to a show, see them in the ring and make a decision what to keep. They don't want to name them. We have the opportunity of pre-paying for kitten registrations. **Cummings:** It could be stated that litters must be pre-registered. Is there some way that a number could go in the catalog if they are pre-registered? **DelaBar:** That could be a board-sponsored show rule for June if we decide to do something like this. **Miller:** This is worthy of consideration, but we need to think about the ramifications and talk to people. **Eigenhauser:** This is the kind of show rule

that needs to be vetted before the delegation. The clubs and exhibitors are the ones that are going to have to deal with this.

(27) **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS AND SUSPENSIONS.**

Administrative Suspension: The following case was reviewed by the Protest Committee and a recommendation was presented to the Board for Administrative Suspension, which may be lifted at such time as the conditions are met.

06-004 *CFA v. Nelson, Nancy*
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV, Section 4 (a & g)
Administrative suspension of services until Respondent completes a CFA cattery environment inspection with an independent veterinarian who has been approved by the AW Committee. If Respondent conducts such an inspection, the matter can be reopened for further proceedings.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

Disciplinary Hearings And Suspensions: Cases that have been reviewed by the Protest Committee and for which a recommendation was presented to the Board. The following cases were heard, a tentative decision was rendered, timely notice was given to the parties, and no appeal and/or appeal fee was filed. Therefore, final disposition is as follows:

04-059 *CFA v. Kearney, Erika*
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
GUILTY on both counts. Sentence of life suspension of all CFA Services.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

05-036 *CFA v. Baldinger, Jane*
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
GUILTY on both counts. Sentence of six months suspension of all CFA Services and a \$500 fine. Respondent to complete and pass CFA cattery environment inspection prior to reinstatement of services.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

06-018 *CFA v. Harpham, Stephanie*
Violation of CFA Constitution, Article XV Section 4 (a & g)
GUILTY on both counts. Sentence of two year suspension of all CFA Services and a \$1,000 fine. Respondent to complete and pass CFA cattery environment inspection prior to reinstatement of services.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

06-068 *CFA v. Giammarinaro, Chris*
Violation of CFA Show Rules 11.21, 11.26 and 11.27
GUILTY. Sentence of reprimand and a \$250.00 fine.

Motion Carried (vote sealed).

Eigenhauser moved to adjourn. **DelaBar** called the motion. **Motion Carried.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Anger, CFA Secretary